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AND FRIENDS
PAY ATTENTION TO THIS RHYMING, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TIMING!
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MONICA, IT'S TIME TO GO! TIME TO HIT THE ROAD!
MILENA IS AS EXCITED AS A SPARK! SHE WANTS TO MEET THE NEW SKATE PARK! WHAT DOES RHYME AND SKAT-ING HAVE TO DO THIS DAY AND AGE? TO FIND OUT, TURN THE PAGE!

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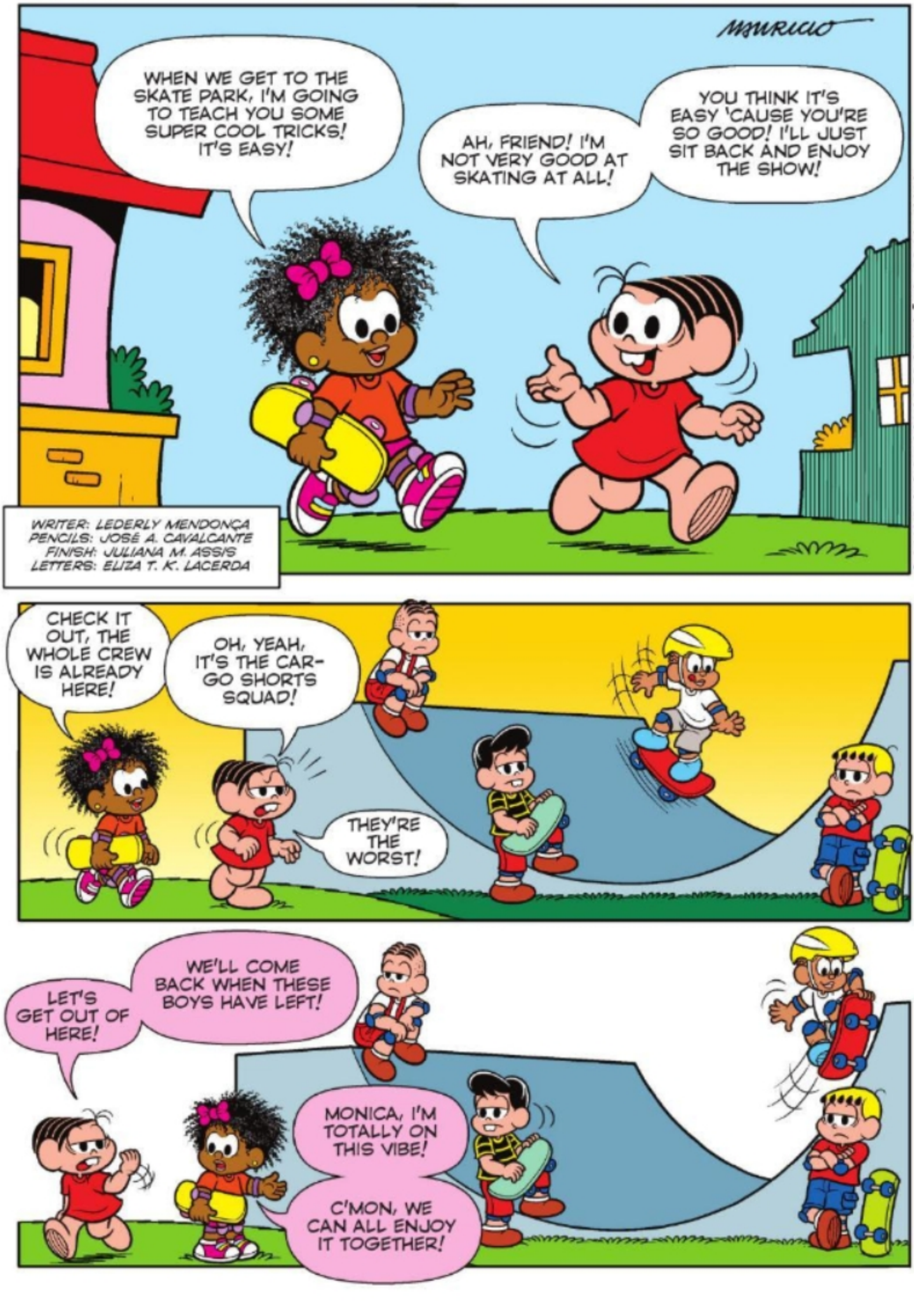

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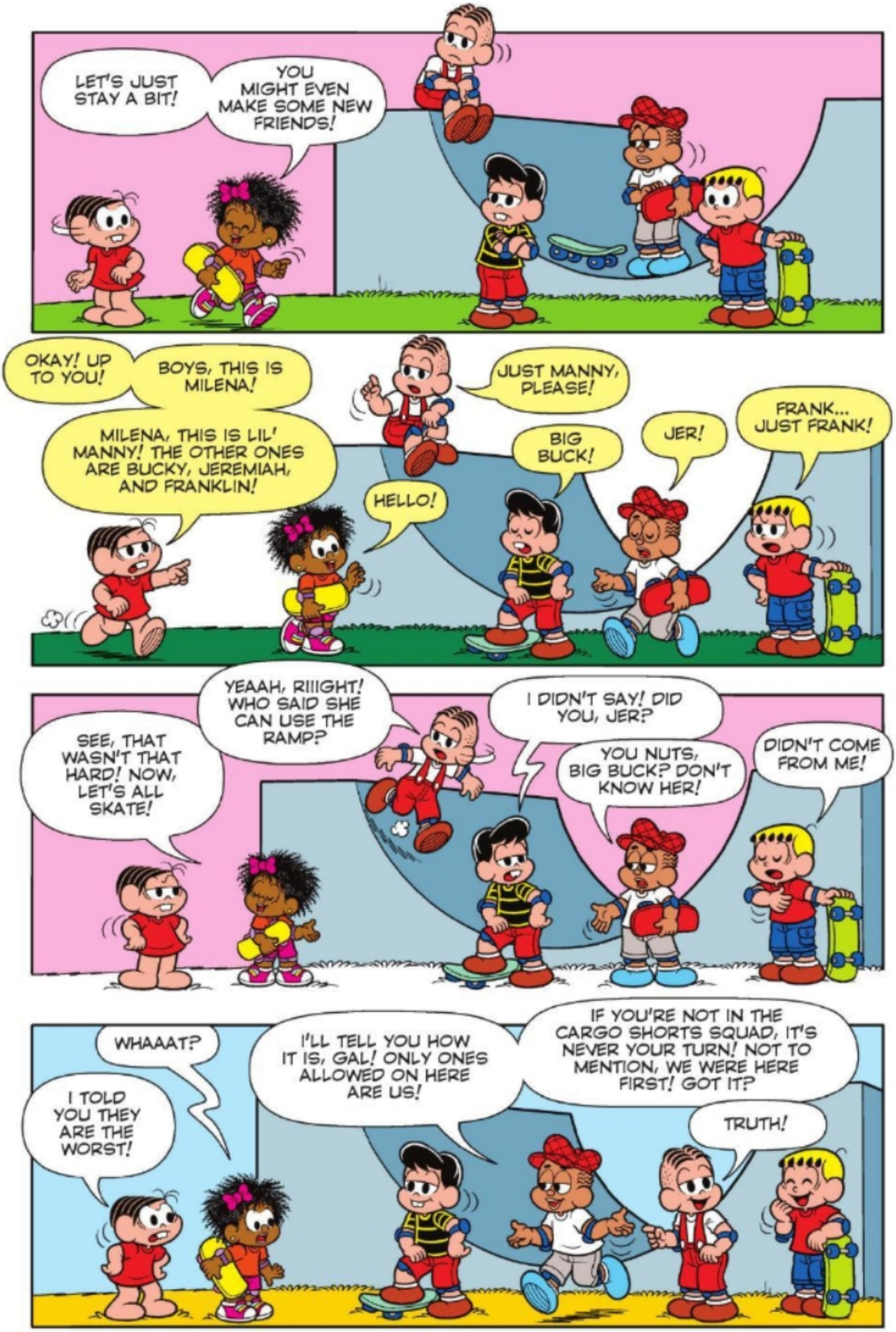
LET'S JUST STAY A BIT!
YOU MIGHT EVEN MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS!
OKAY! UP TO YOU!
BOYS, THIS IS MILENA!
MILENA, THIS IS LIL' MANNY! THE OTHER ONES ARE BUCKY, JEREMIAH, AND FRANKLIN!
HELLO!
JUST MANNY, PLEASE!
BIG BUCK!
JER!
FRANK... JUST FRANK!
SEE, THAT WASN'T THAT HARD! NOW, LET'S ALL SKATE!
YEAAH, RIIIGHT! WHO SAID SHE CAN USE THE RAMP?
I DIDN'T SAY! DID YOU, JER?
YOU NUTS, BIG BUCK? DON'T KNOW HER!
DIDN'T COME FROM ME!
WHAAAT?
I TOLD YOU THEY ARE THE WORST!
I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT IS, GAL! ONLY ONES ALLOWED ON HERE ARE US!
IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE CARGO SHORTS SQUAD, IT'S NEVER YOUR TURN! NOT TO MENTION, WE WERE HERE FIRST! GOT IT?
TRUTH!

LEAVE THIS TO ME, I'LL FIX THIS IN A SECOND!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, 'HERE FIRST'?!
NOT GOOD!
ALL BAD!
ROTTEN!
IT'S GONE BELLY UP!
WAIT, MO! DON'T USE VIOLENCE! I HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION!
ARE YOU SURE, BUDDY? I'M AN INCH AWAY FROM USING SAMSON!
THEN YOU CAN SKATE ALL YOU WANT AROUND HERE!
C'MON! YOU'RE RUININ' MY T-SHIRT!
LEAVE THIS TO ME!
I PROPOSE A CHALLENGE TO DECIDE WHO STAYS WITH THE PARK!
A CHAL-LENGE?
THAT'S RIGHT! A RHYME CHALLENGE! WHOMEVER LOSES, HAS TO LEAVE!
DO YOU ACCEPT OR ARE YOU SCARED OF A GIRL CHALLENGING YOU?
SCARED? ME?
SWOOP
DUDE, JER TURNED HIS HAT AROUND!
WHEN HE DOES THAT, IT'S 'CAUSE...
WHAT?! WHAT? WHAT HAPPENS?!

I HAVE NO IDEA! I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS FITTING TO SAY THAT JUST THEN!
SMACK
DEAL!
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!
NOW, SHAKE MY HAND!
FOR WHAT?
TO SEAL THE CHALLENGE!
OR ARE YOU CHICKENIN' OUT?!
GRRR!
YOU GOT IT, GIRL!
WOO-HOO!
CHALLENGE!
CHALLENGE!

THE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS... YOU'RE GOING TO BATTLE IN THE BACK-AND-FORTH STYLE! THE THEME IS OPEN!
IN THE END, WHOMEVER IMPROVISES THE BEST WINS THE DEAL! YA'LL ALIGNED?
?
?
BETTER THAT I START! THAT WAY WE'LL BEGIN WITH WHO'S SMART!
TO START OFF THIS CONVERSATION, AROUND HERE THERE'S ONLY SPACE FOR MY VIBRATION!
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, MONICA?
MILENA CALLED OUT JEREMIAH FOR A RHYME BATTLE!
GO JER! GO JER!
CHECK OUT THE RHYME I'M LAYING DOWN! YOU MIGHT BE GOOD, BUT I'M THE ONE WITH THE CROWN!
WE WERE HERE FIRST, SO GO HAVE A SEAT! GET OUT OF THIS KITCHEN, YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE HEAT!
THAT'S MY BOY!
TAUGHT HIM EVERYTHING!
I'M PICKING UP WHAT HE'S PUTTING DOWN!
I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM!
GET YOUR SKATE AND GO, YOU AIN'T NO SPECIAL GEM!

I'VE COME AROUND TO PUT ON SOME PRESSURE!
YOU NEED A LEARN-ERS COURSE, GET YOU A REFRESHER!
WOW!
I MIGHT EVEN LEAVE, BUT YOU STILL WON'T WIN! US BOYS WITH THE CARGO SHORTS RULE FROM HERE TO BERLIN!
NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO BE PART OF THIS GROUP, TAKE THAT AS FACT, A FRESH NEW SCOOP!
BLEH!
SMACK
NICE!
I DON'T NEED SHORTS TO SHOW YOU WHO IS IN CHARGE! I CAN WEAR WHAT I WANT AND STILL BE LARGE!
WHEN IT'S TIME TO SKATE, CLOTHES DON'T MATTER IN THE SLIGHTEST!
I SHINE ALL DAY LONG, LIKE A STAR, I'M THE BRIGHTEST!

YOU'RE MISSING THE MAIN PART! THE CARGO SHORTS SQUAD IS ALWAYS BREAKING HEARTS!
WE ARE FOUR, WHICH IS A PRETTY BIG NUMBER!
YOU'RE JUST A SILLY GIRL, GO TAKE A SLUMBER!
WOO-HOO!
I COULD BE A GIRL, ALIEN OR A ROBOT! YOU STILL BETTER LISTEN, ABOUT TO GET TAUGHT!
LOOK AT YOU ACTING ALL TOUGH, IT'S NOTHING BUT A BLUFF! WHEN MONICA GET'S OUT HER PLUSH RABBIT, YOU RUN AWAY SO OFTEN — IT'S A HABIT!
OKAY, SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!
OHH!
SAMSON MADE IT INTO THE RHYME, MO!
MY FANS!
YAAAY!
WOO-HOO!
AHEM... AS I WAS SAYING...
MY NAME IS JEREMIAH, WHAT I'M AFRAID OF — NADA!
NOT RABBITS OR MONICA, CAUSE I'M TOUGH LIKE AN ARMADA!
WOO-HOO!

BUT LET'S BE REAL CLEAR ABOUT ONE THING!
YOU ONLY GOT INTO THIS BATTLE SO YOU WOULDN'T FEEL A PLUSH RABBIT STING!
BLING, BABY, BLING!
LOOK...
...THE PARK IS FOR THOSE THAT ARRIVED IN THE PRIMARY!
YOU GOT HERE LAST, NOT JUST A LITTLE, VERY!
THAT OLD TUNE?
TELL ME SOME-THING, I NEED TO KNOW...
WHY NOT LET EVERYONE SKATE, LET ALL GLOW!

SO... UMM...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
I'M OUT!
THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD!
RESPECT!
WOO-HOO!
AW, BUDDY! YOU WON! HOW COOL!
RIGHT! YOU GUYS SAW THAT?!
DONE DEAL, FRIEND! VERY NICE!
LET'S GET GOING, GUYS! THE GIRLS ARE GOING TO USE THE PARK!
WE WERE HAVING SO MUCH FUN!
WE WERE!
IT WAS GREAT!
HEY, KID, WHO LIVES HERE!
COME HERE, LEND ME YOUR EAR!

NIIICE!
END

BUG-A-BOOO
in
TRASH, NO WAY!
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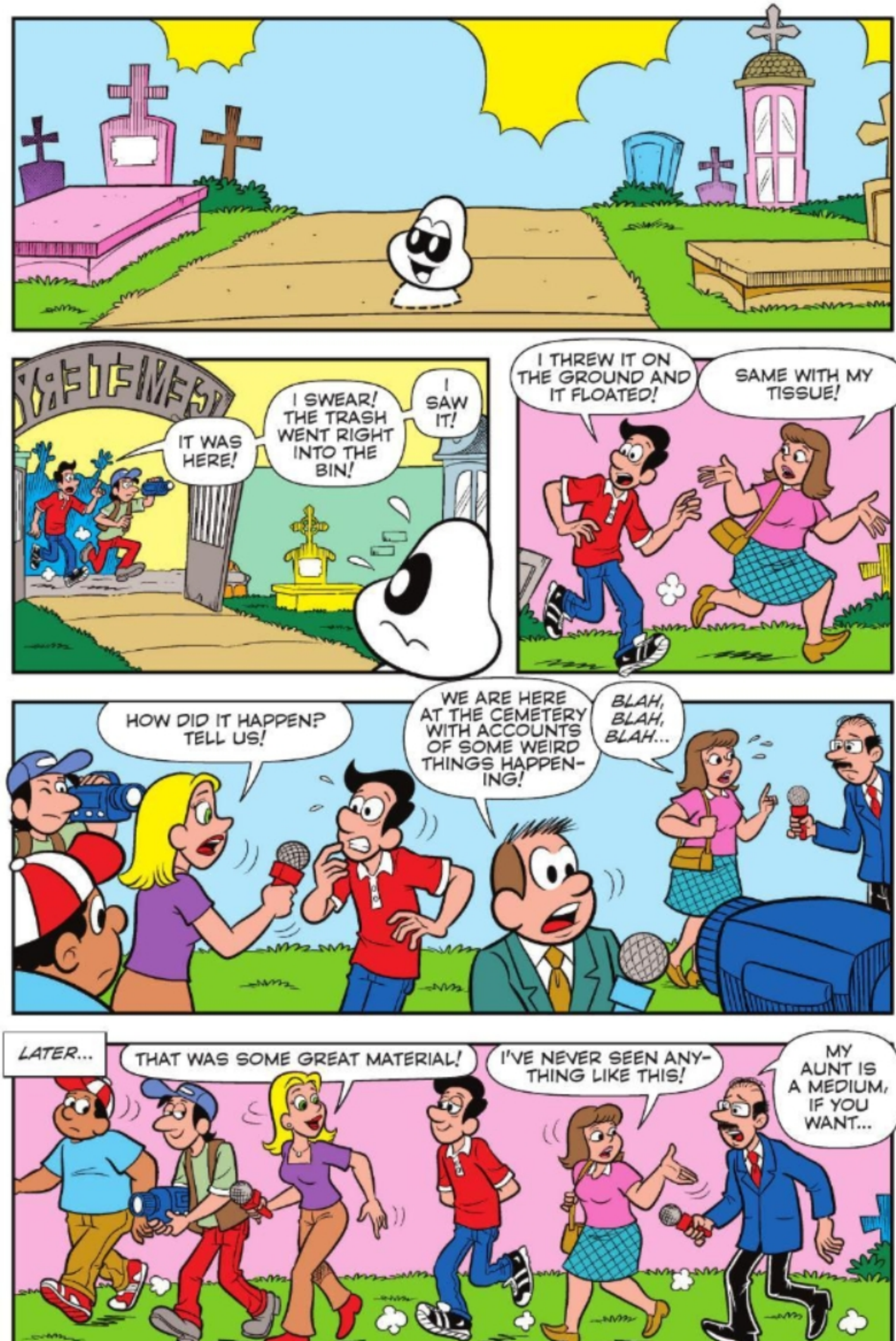
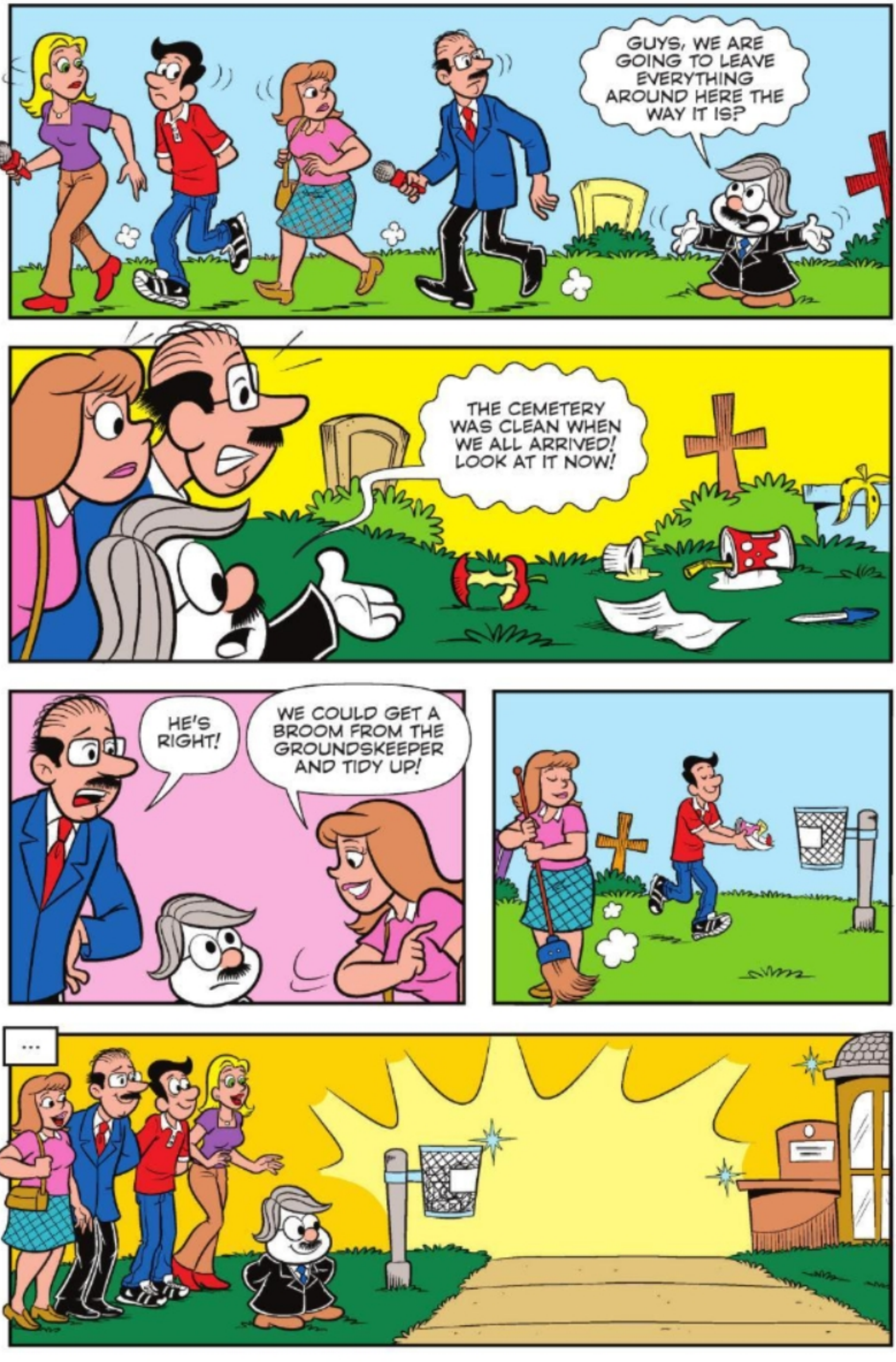
HEEELLLPPP!!!
HE-HE-HE!

AAAHHH!!!

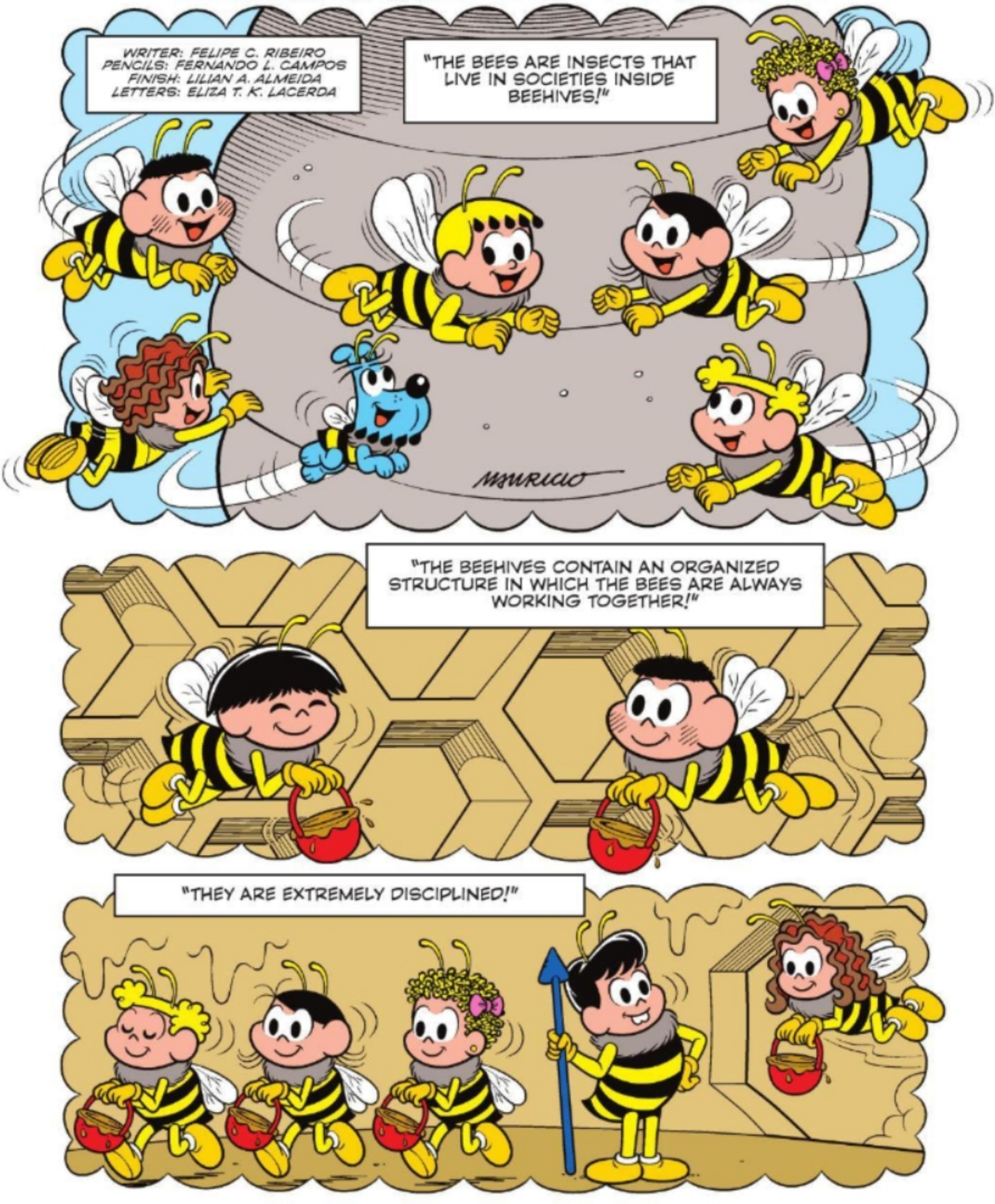


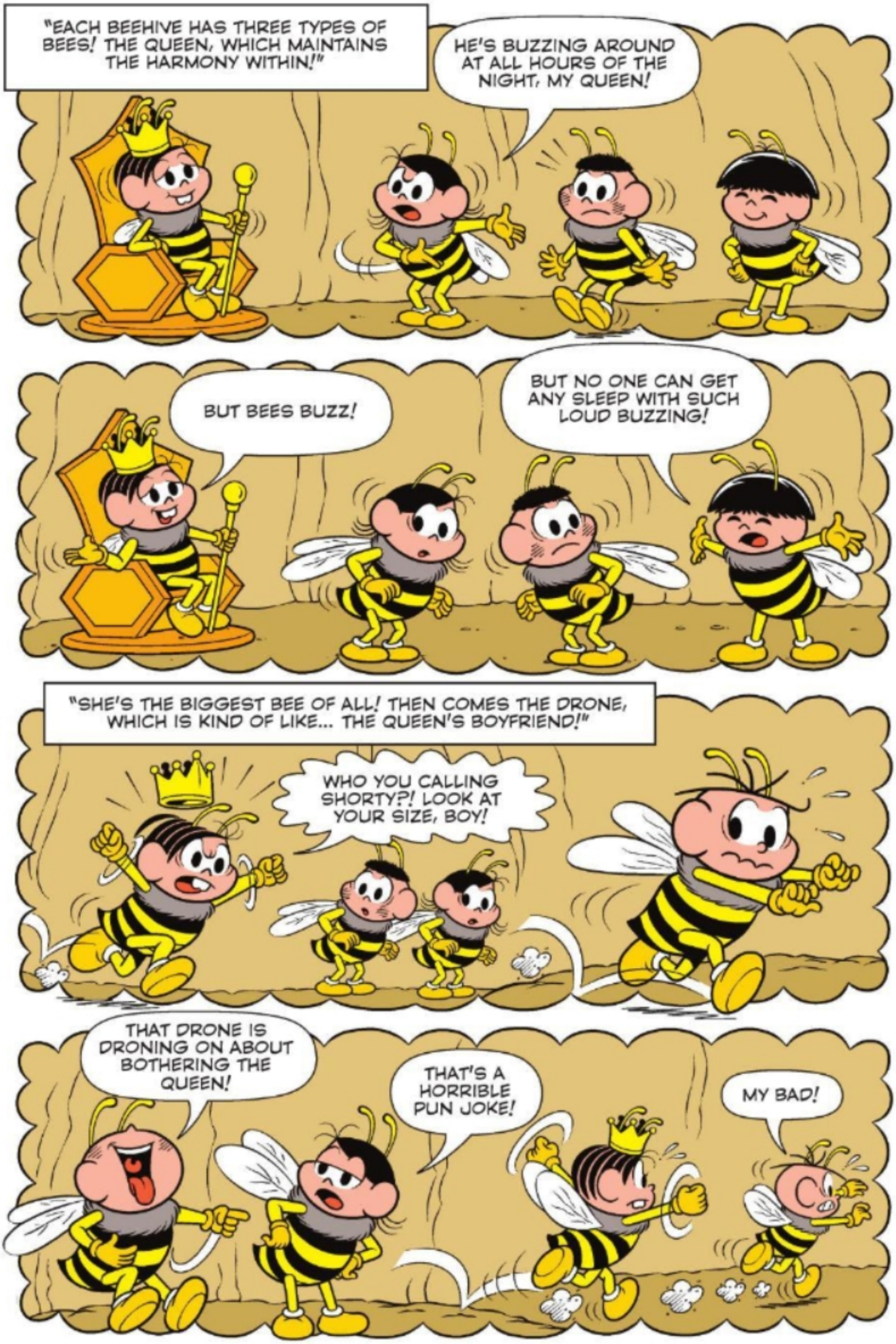
IT WAS HERE!
I SWEAR! THE TRASH WENT RIGHT INTO THE BIN!
I SAW IT!
I THREW IT ON THE GROUND AND IT FLOATED!
SAME WITH MY TISSUE!
HOW DID IT HAPPEN? TELL US!
WE ARE HERE AT THE CEMETERY WITH ACCOUNTS OF SOME WEIRD THINGS HAPPEN-ING!
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...
LATER...
THAT WAS SOME GREAT MATERIAL!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE THIS!
MY AUNT IS A MEDIUM, IF YOU WANT...

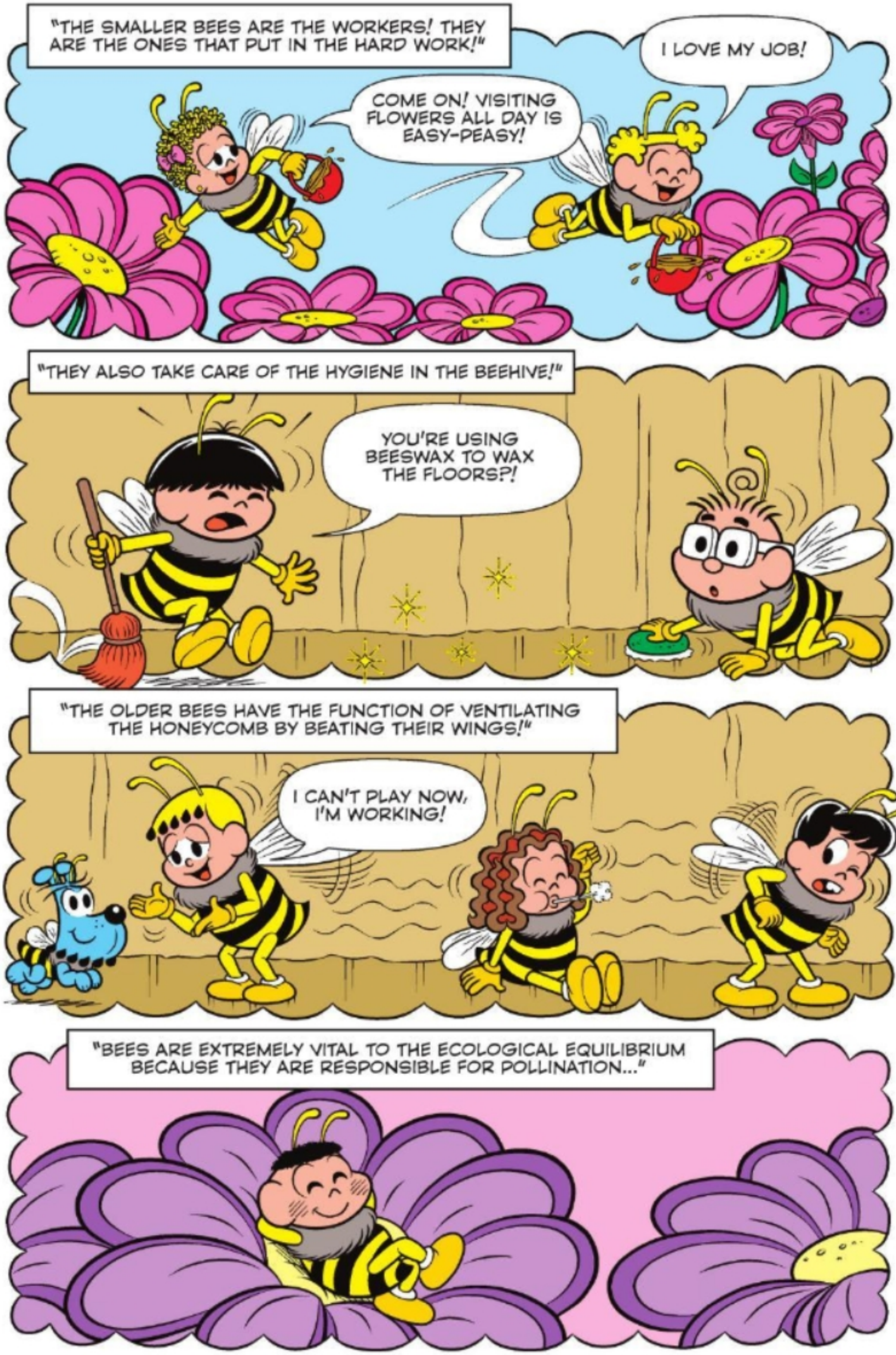

GUYS, WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE EVERYTHING AROUND HERE THE WAY IT IS?
THE CEMETERY WAS CLEAN WHEN WE ALL ARRIVED! LOOK AT IT NOW!
HE'S RIGHT!
WE COULD GET A BROOM FROM THE GROUNDSKEEPER AND TIDY UP!
...

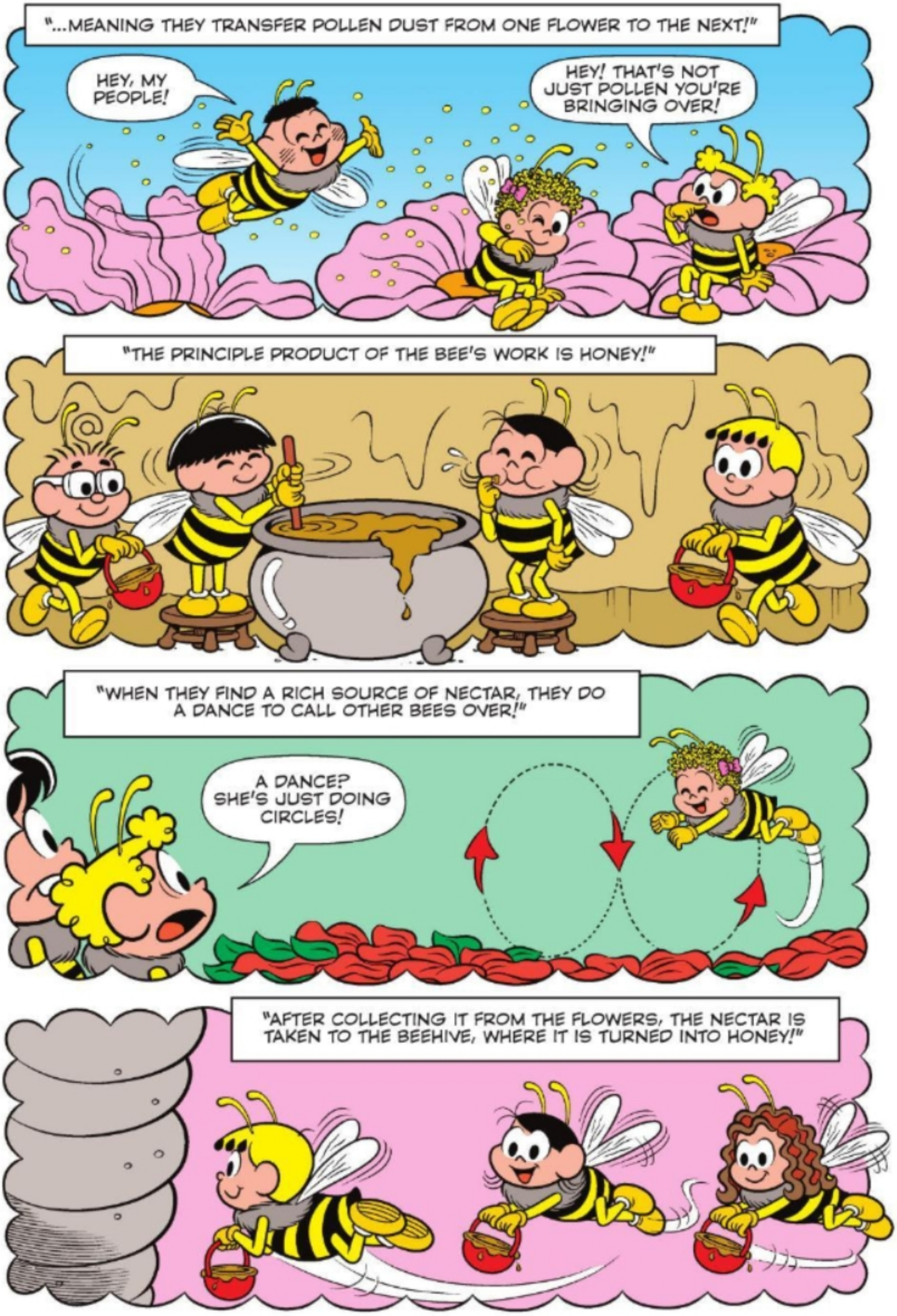
THAT WAS WORTH IT!
I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE SPIRITS WERE TRYING TO SAY!
YEAH, THAT WAS WORTH IT!
UH-HUMMM!
EEK! MY BAD!
END

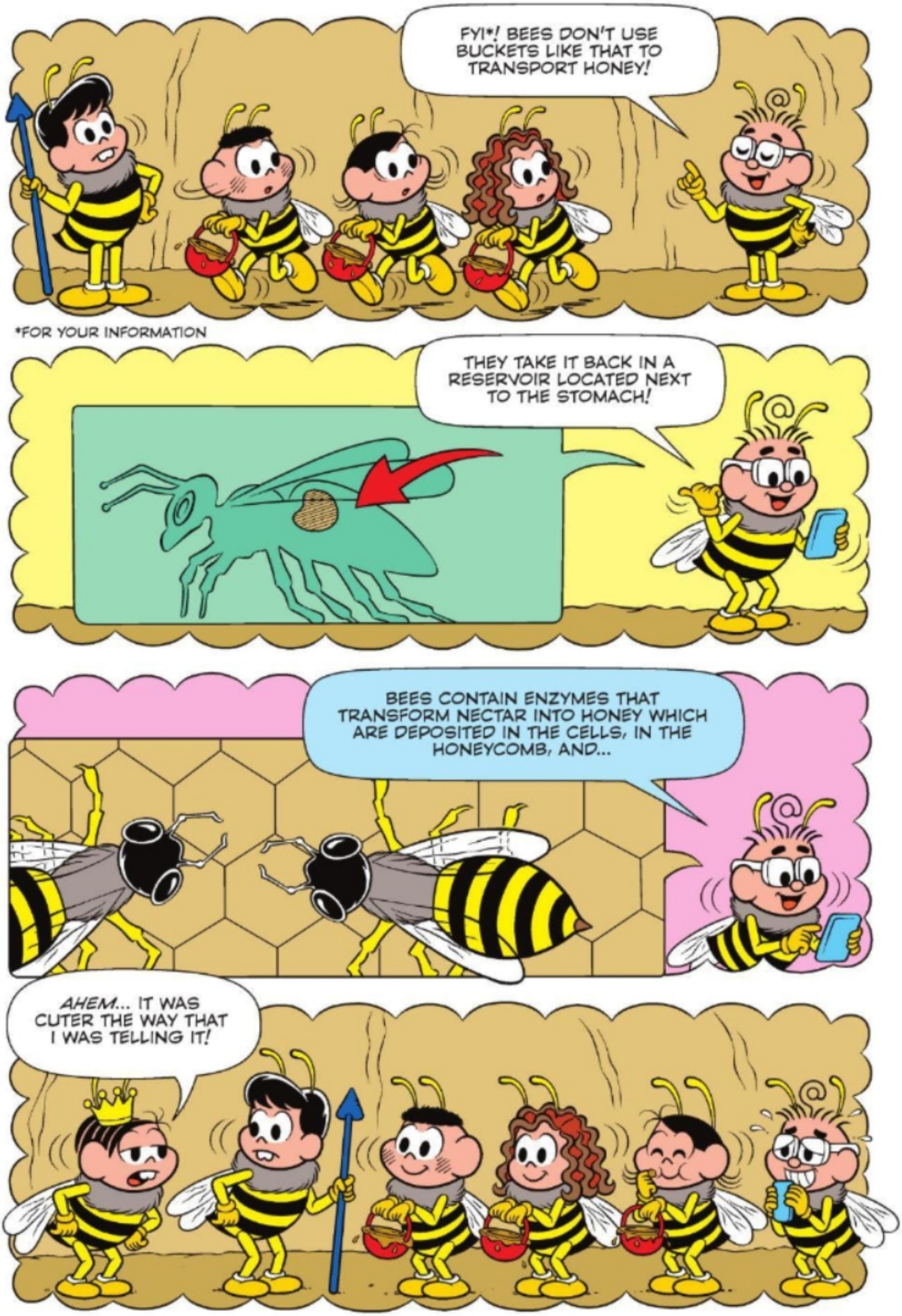
Monica AND FRIENDS in TEAMWORK

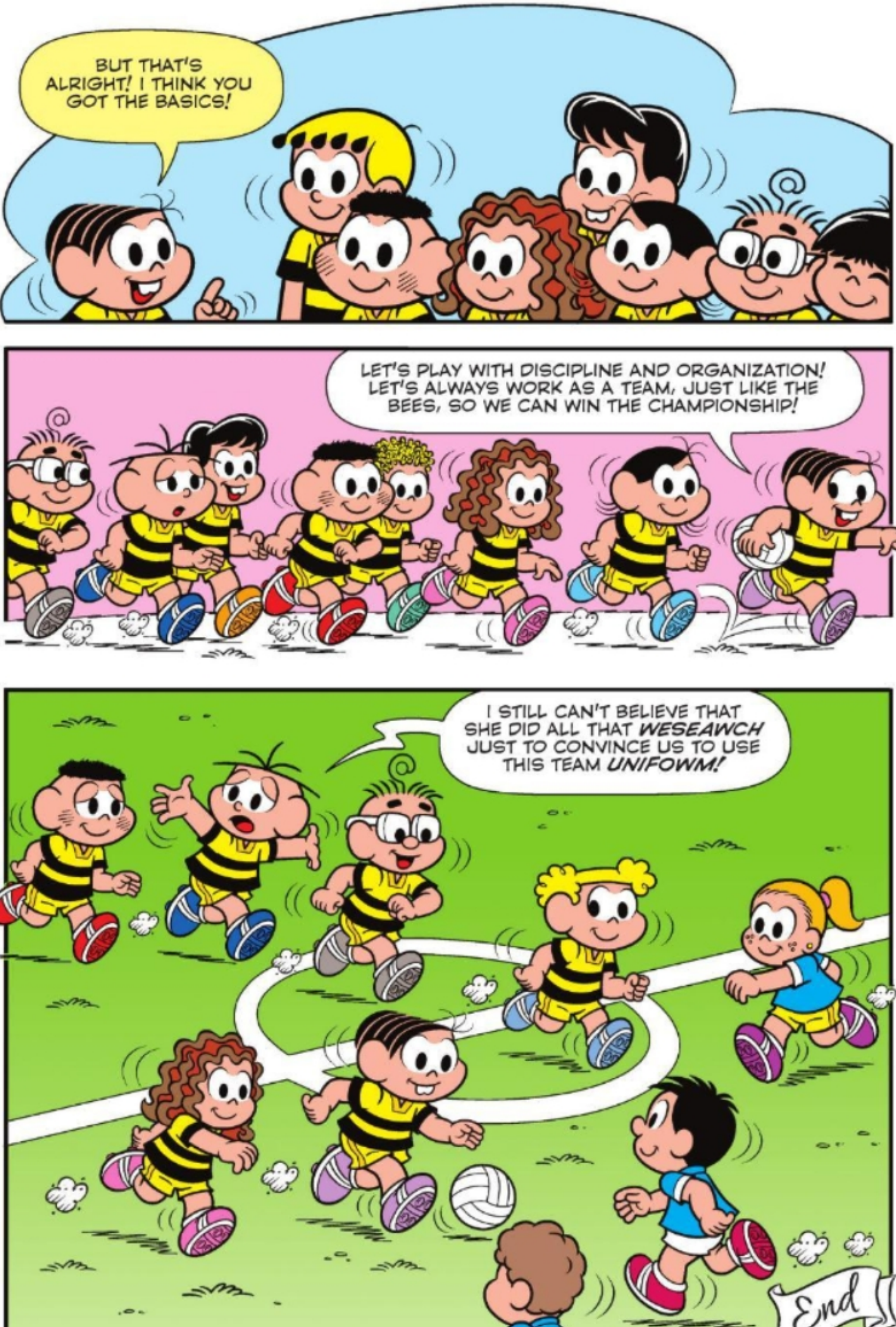


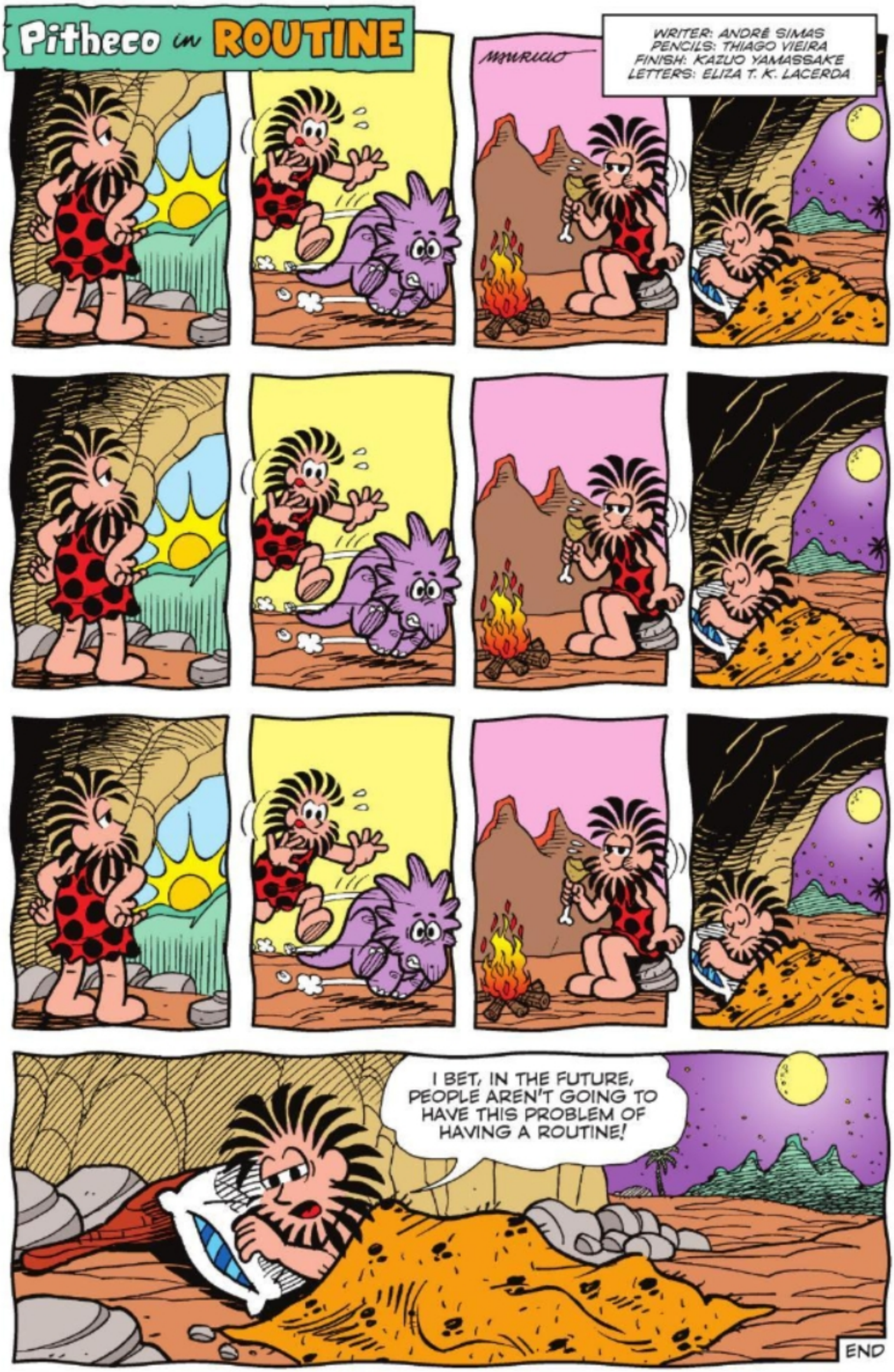

"EACH BEEHIVE HAS THREE TYPES OF BEES! THE QUEEN, WHICH MAINTAINS THE HARMONY WITHIN!"
HE'S BUZZING AROUND AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT, MY QUEEN!
BUT BEES BUZZ!
BUT NO ONE CAN GET ANY SLEEP WITH SUCH LOUD BUZZING!
"SHE'S THE BIGGEST BEE OF ALL! THEN COMES THE DRONE, WHICH IS KIND OF LIKE... THE QUEEN'S BOYFRIEND!"
WHO YOU CALLING SHORTY?! LOOK AT YOUR SIZE, BOY!
THAT DRONE IS DRONING ON ABOUT BOTHERING THE QUEEN!
THAT'S A HORRIBLE PUN JOKE!
MY BAD!


"THE SMALLER BEES ARE THE WORKERS! THEY ARE THE ONES THAT PUT IN THE HARD WORK!"
COME ON! VISITING FLOWERS ALL DAY IS EASY-PEASY!
I LOVE MY JOB!
"THEY ALSO TAKE CARE OF THE HYGIENE IN THE BEEHIVE!"
YOU'RE USING BEESWAX TO WAX THE FLOORS?!
"THE OLDER BEES HAVE THE FUNCTION OF VENTILATING THE HONEYCOMB BY BEATING THEIR WINGS!"
I CAN'T PLAY NOW, I'M WORKING!
"BEES ARE EXTREMELY VITAL TO THE ECOLOGICAL EQUILIBRIUM BECAUSE THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLLINATION..."


"...MEANING THEY TRANSFER POLLEN DUST FROM ONE FLOWER TO THE NEXT!"
HEY, MY PEOPLE!
HEY! THAT'S NOT JUST POLLEN YOU'RE BRINGING OVER!
"THE PRINCIPLE PRODUCT OF THE BEE'S WORK IS HONEY!"
"WHEN THEY FIND A RICH SOURCE OF NECTAR, THEY DO A DANCE TO CALL OTHER BEES OVER!"
A DANCE? SHE'S JUST DOING CIRCLES!
"AFTER COLLECTING IT FROM THE FLOWERS, THE NECTAR IS TAKEN TO THE BEEHIVE, WHERE IT IS TURNED INTO HONEY!"


FYI*! BEES DON'T USE BUCKETS LIKE THAT TO TRANSPORT HONEY!
*FOR YOUR INFORMATION
THEY TAKE IT BACK IN A RESERVOIR LOCATED NEXT TO THE STOMACH!
BEES CONTAIN ENZYMES THAT TRANSFORM NECTAR INTO HONEY WHICH ARE DEPOSITED IN THE CELLS, IN THE HONEYCOMB, AND...
AHEM... IT WAS CUTER THE WAY THAT I WAS TELLING IT!


BUT THAT'S ALRIGHT! I THINK YOU GOT THE BASICS!
LET'S PLAY WITH DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION! LET'S ALWAYS WORK AS A TEAM, JUST LIKE THE BEES, SO WE CAN WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE DID ALL THAT *WESEAWCH* JUST TO CONVINCE US TO USE THIS TEAM *UNIFOWM!*
End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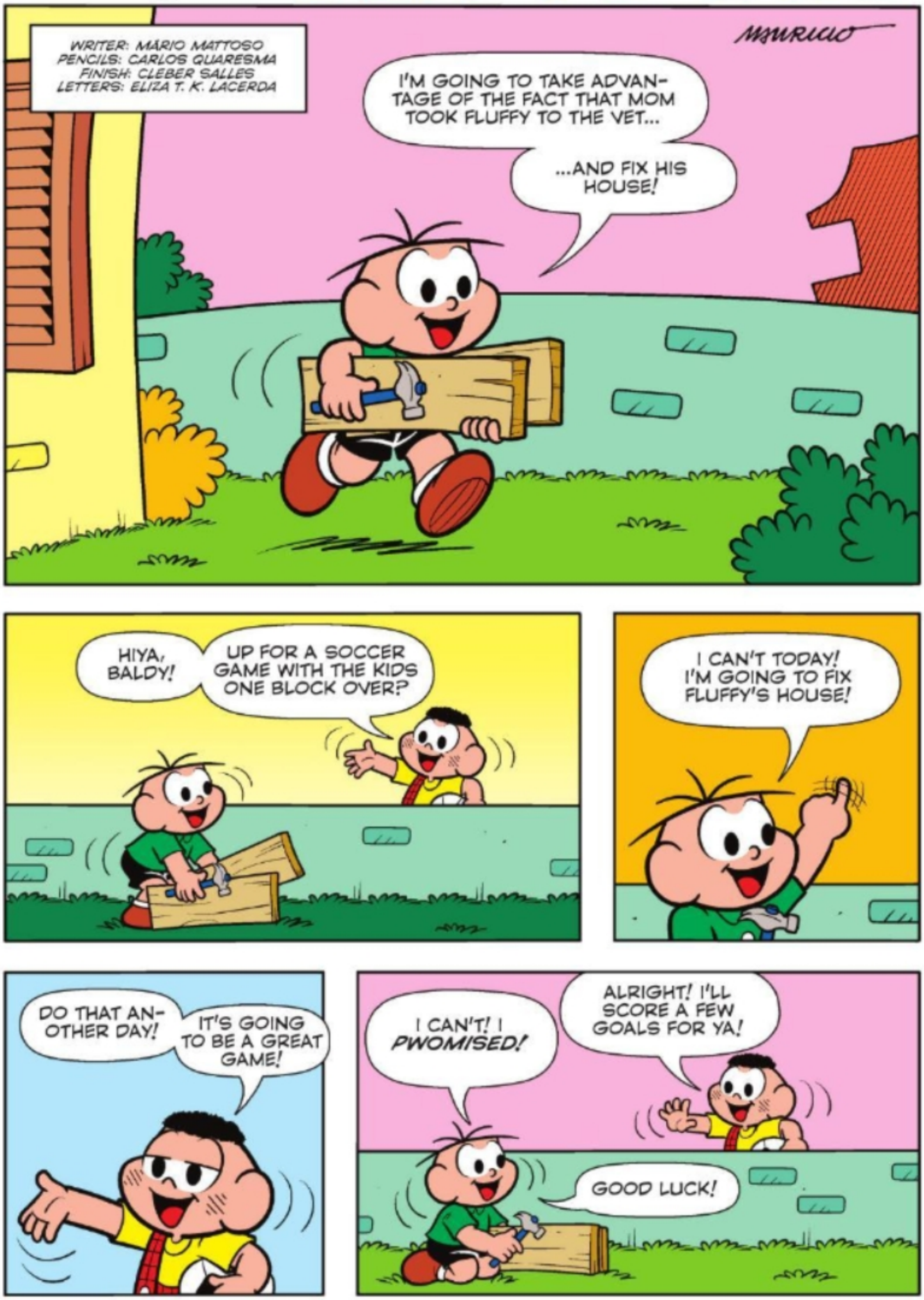
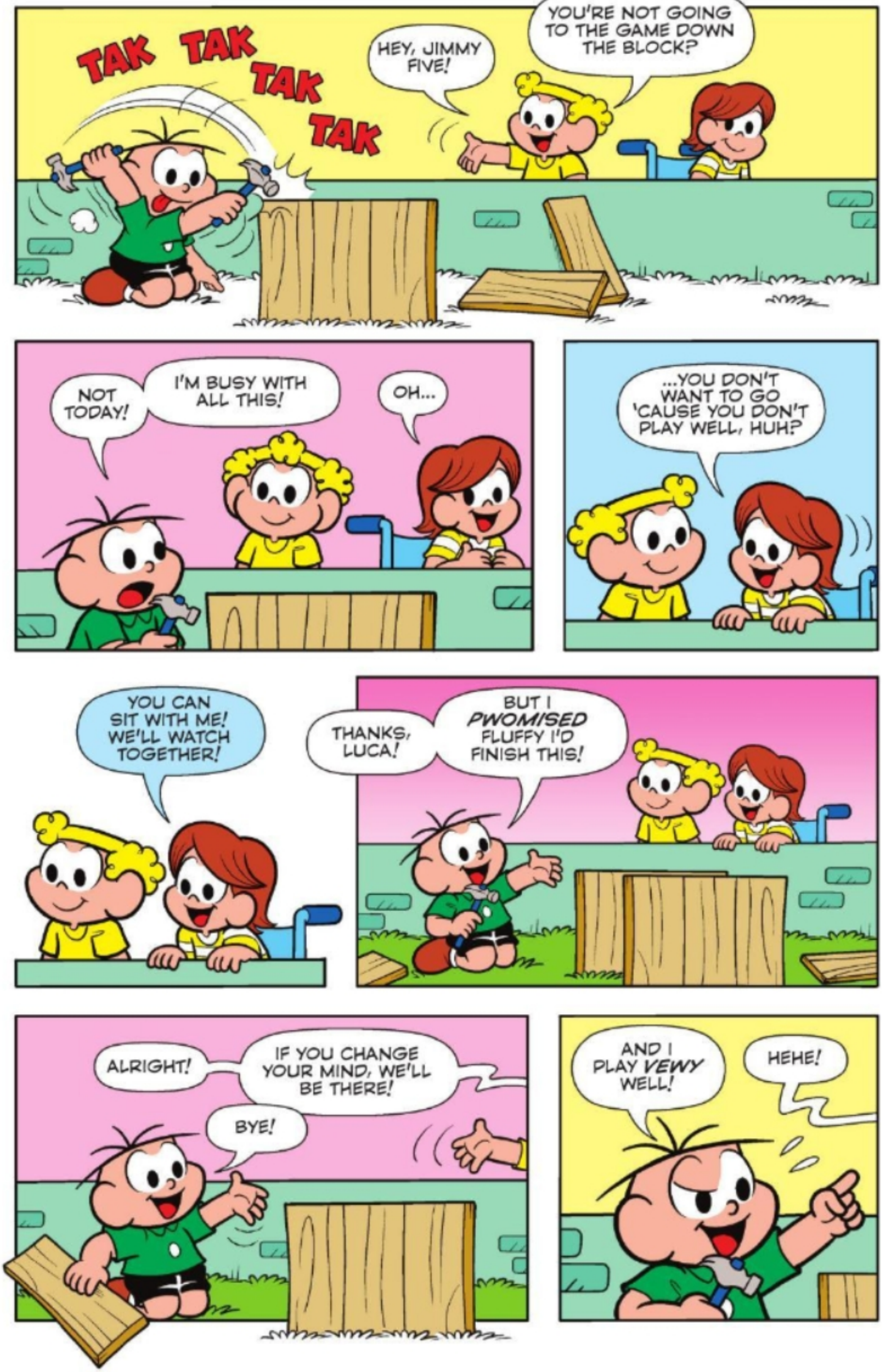
I BET, IN THE FUTURE, PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO HAVE THIS PROBLEM OF HAVING A ROUTINE!
END

Jimmy Five in TEN TO ONE



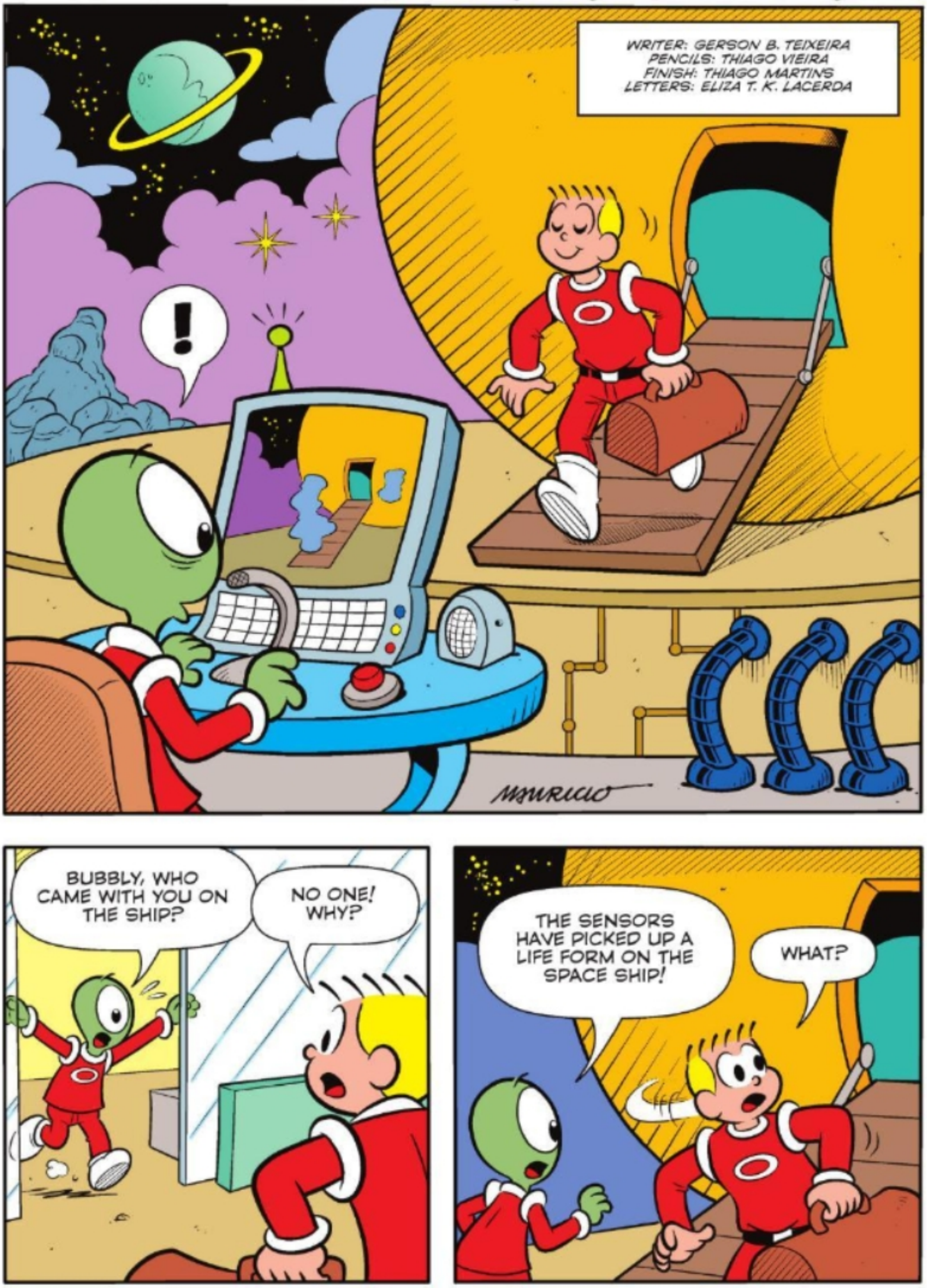

TAK TAK TAK TAK
HEY, JIMMY FIVE!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE GAME DOWN THE BLOCK?
NOT TODAY!
I'M BUSY WITH ALL THIS!
OH...
...YOU DON'T WANT TO GO 'CAUSE YOU DON'T PLAY WELL, HUH?
YOU CAN SIT WITH ME! WE'LL WATCH TOGETHER!
THANKS, LUCA!
BUT I *PWOMISED* FLUFFY I'D FINISH THIS!
ALRIGHT!
IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, WE'LL BE THERE!
BYE!
AND I PLAY *VEWY* WELL!
HEHE!

...
THANKS, GUYS!
BUT I CAN'T TODAY!
YOU'LL BE MISSING OUT!
...HUM...
IT'S A BIG GAME!
I KNOW!
BUT A *PWOMISE* IS A *PWOMISE!*
ALRIGHT!
TOK TOK TOK
THERE!
FINALLY, ALL DONE!

...
YOU MISSED THE GAME OF THE CENTURY!
IT WAS IN-CREDIBLE!
WE WERE AMAZING!
SEVEN TO ONE!
HUM!
BIG GAME!
SWEETIE! WE'RE BACK FROM THE VET!
HUH?
EASY, EASY...
ARF! ARF!
...FLUFFY!!!
SLURP!
NO OFFENSE, GUYS...
...BUT SEEING FLUFFY THIS HAPPY SCOWES A TEN TO ZEWO ON ANY SOCCER GAME!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
SLURP! SLURP!
EASY BOY, EASY!
END

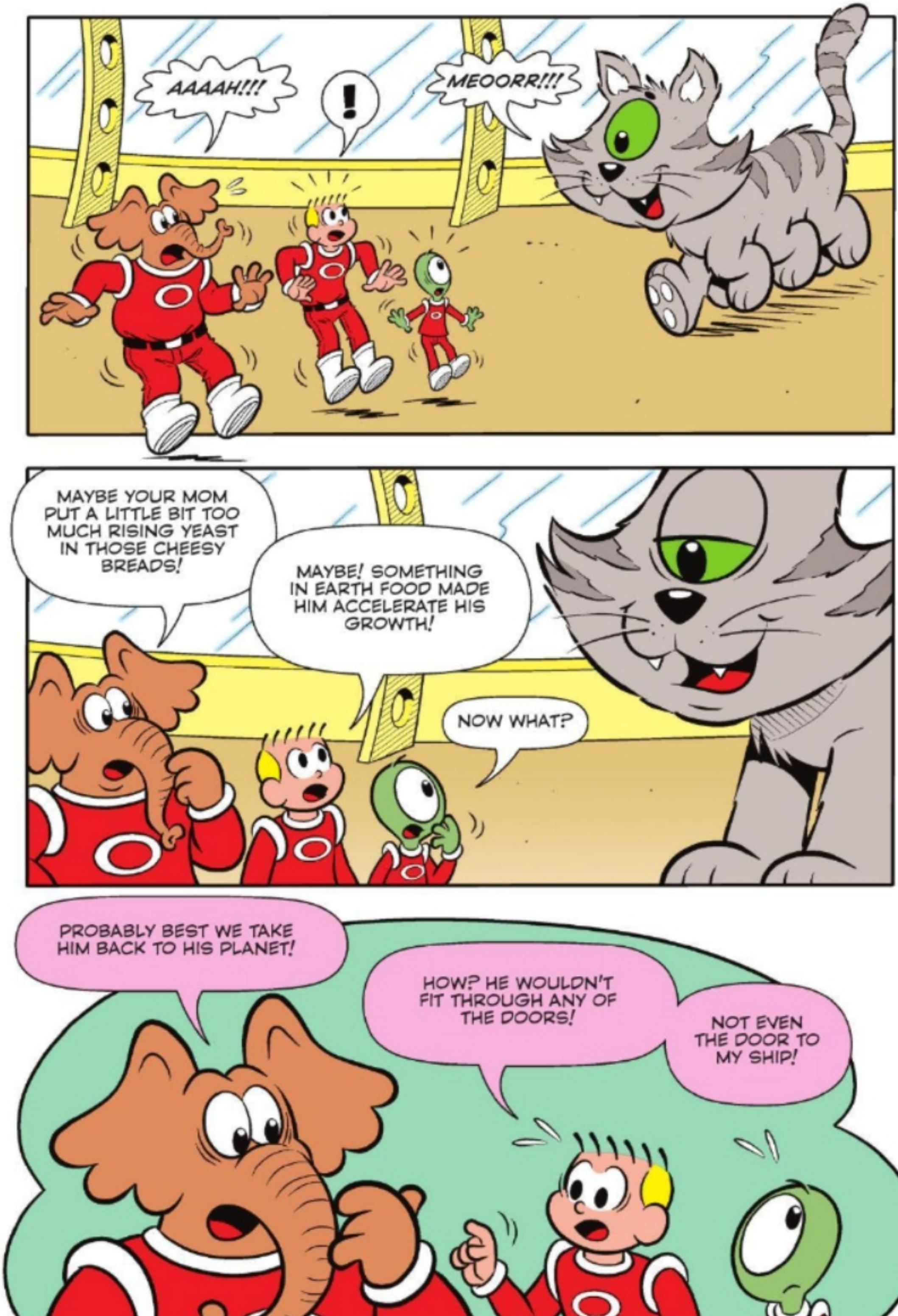
BUBBLY THE ASTRONAUT *in*

SIX-FOOTED CLANDESTINE



WHERE DID THAT... THAT... CAT?!
MEOORR!
HE MUST HAVE ENTERED THE SHIP WHILE I WAS EXPLORING PLANET BARTHUM!
AWWN, HE'S ADORABLE!
WE CAN KEEP HIM AS THE BASE MASCOT!
BEFORE THAT, WE NEED TO PASS HIM THROUGH THE BIO SCANNER TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY TRANSMISSION RISKS!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
LET'S GIVE HIM A NAME!
HE-HE!
HOW ABOUT "SPACE MEOW"?
THAT'S GREAT! LET'S GO, SPACE MEOW!

A BIT LATER...
HIS ORGANISM IS VERY MUCH ALIKE THE CATS THAT YOU FIND ON EARTH!
EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO EXTRA PAWS AND ONE LESS EYE!
WHAT ABOUT THE FEEDING TESTS, WHAT DID THEY SAY?
WELL... WE DIDN'T DO THEM!
WHAT? WHY NOT?
WE COULDN'T GET SPACE MEOW INTO THE MACHINE!
BUT HE EATS EVERYTHING!
HE ATE ALL THE CHEESY BREADS YOUR MOM SENT FROM EARTH!
I JUST HOPE THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM SICK OR ANYTHING!
BAM BAM BAM
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?


AAAAH!!!
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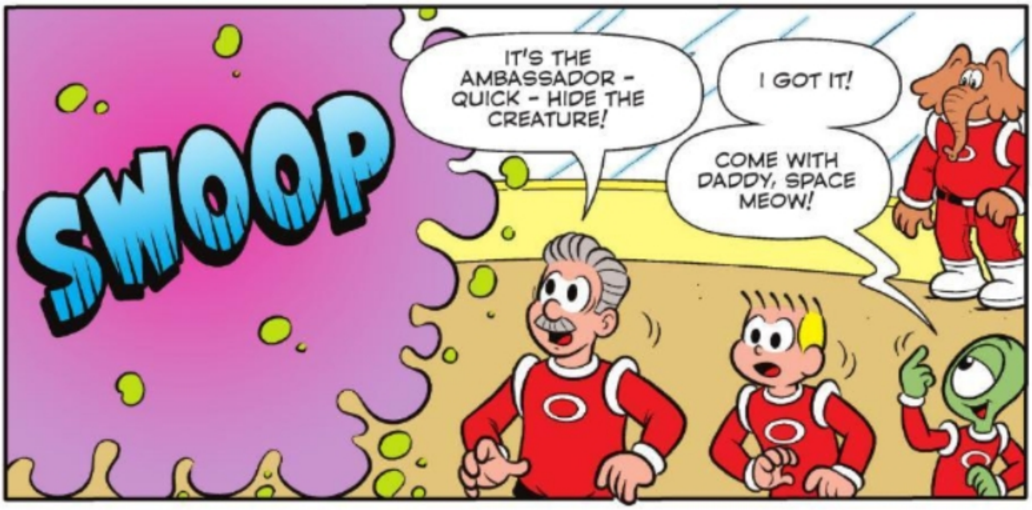
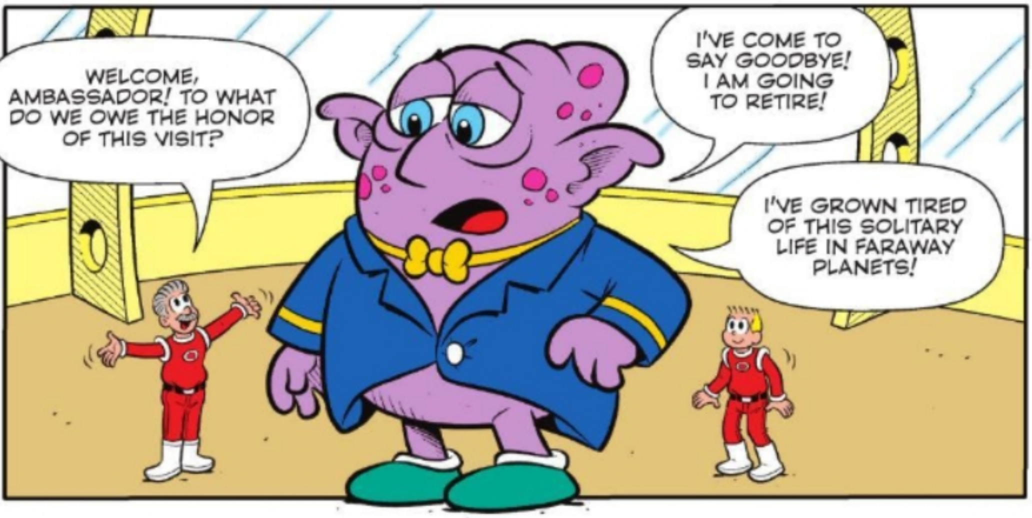
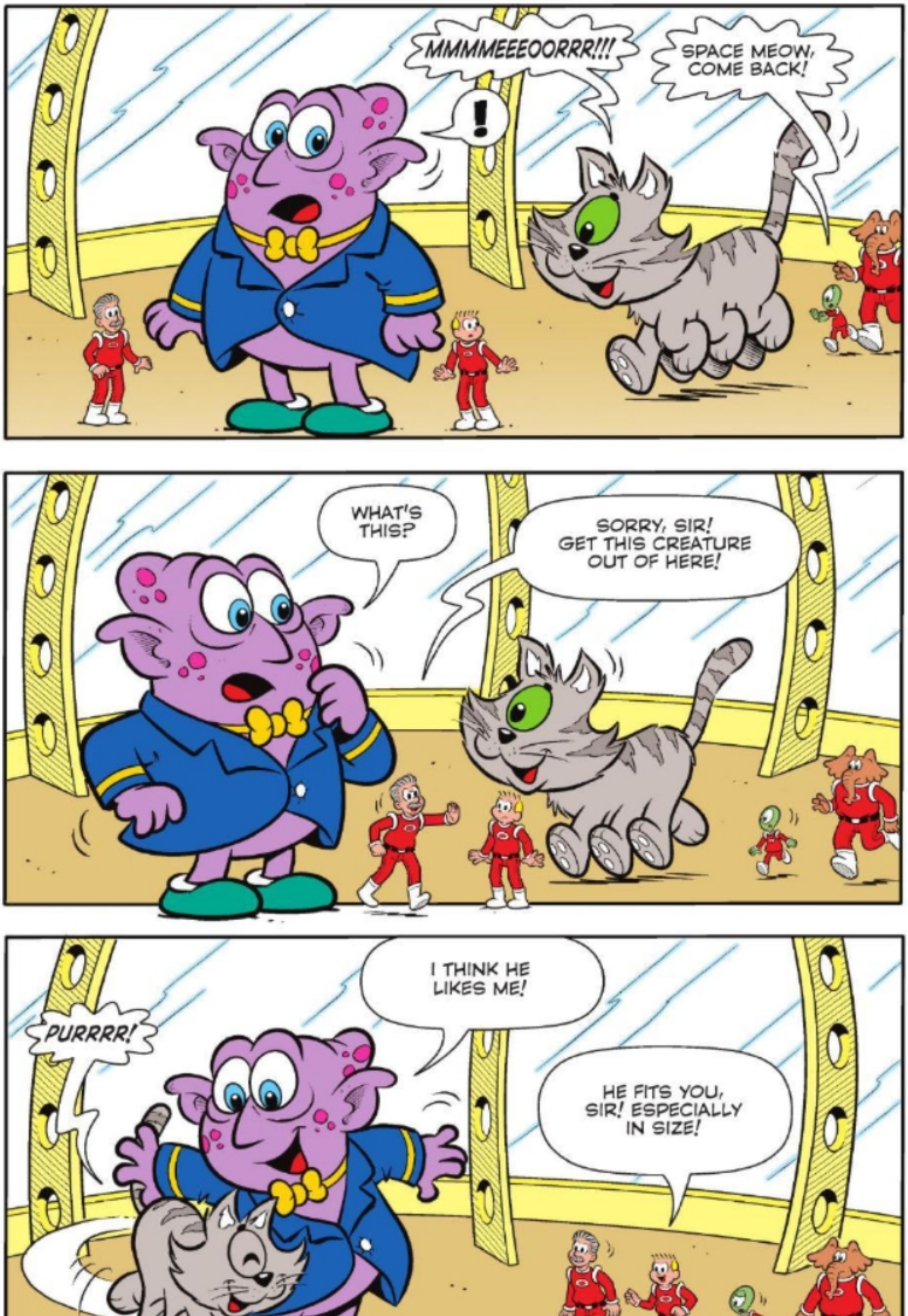
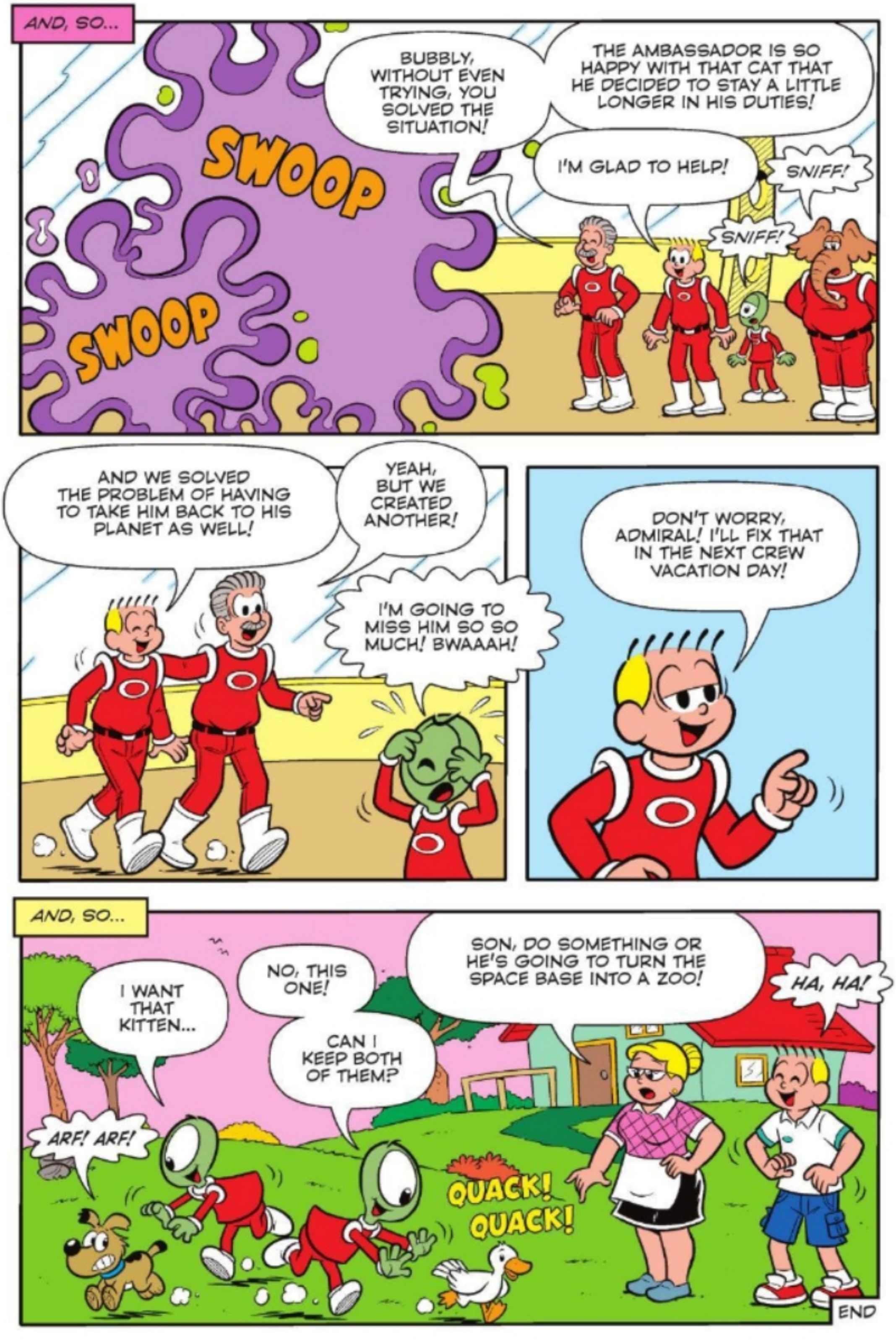
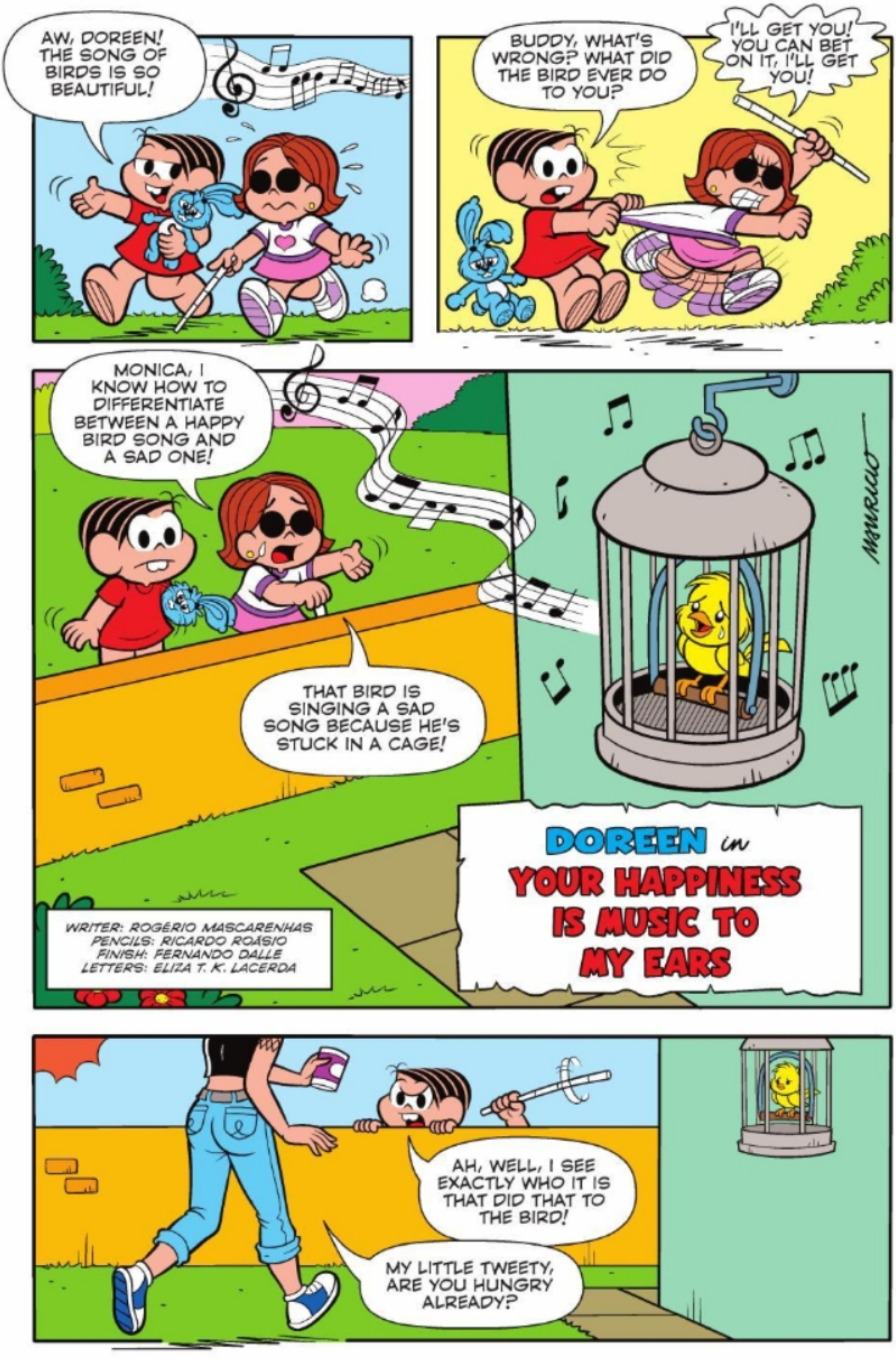
MEOORR!!!
MAYBE YOUR MOM PUT A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH RISING YEAST IN THOSE CHEESY BREADS!
MAYBE! SOMETHING IN EARTH FOOD MADE HIM ACCELERATE HIS GROWTH!
NOW WHAT?
PROBABLY BEST WE TAKE HIM BACK TO HIS PLANET!
HOW? HE WOULDN'T FIT THROUGH ANY OF THE DOORS!
NOT EVEN THE DOOR TO MY SHIP!

IS EVERYTHING READY FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT?
NO, WAY! NOT TODAY!
GRAWR! GRAWR!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
?
MEOOORRR!!!
AAAAH!!!
A SPACE MONSTER! HELP YOURSELVES! RUN!
CALM DOWN, ADMIRAL! IT'S JUST SPACE MEOW!
OUR MASCOT!

THIS C-CAT IS YOURS?
YES! HE SNUCK ONTO MY SHIP!
WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO TAKE HIM BACK TO PLANET BARTHUM!
BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE WITHOUT HIM?

SWOOP
IT'S THE AMBASSADOR - QUICK - HIDE THE CREATURE!
I GOT IT!
COME WITH DADDY, SPACE MEOW!

WELCOME, AMBASSADOR! TO WHAT DO WE OWE THE HONOR OF THIS VISIT?
I'VE COME TO SAY GOODBYE! I AM GOING TO RETIRE!
I'VE GROWN TIRED OF THIS SOLITARY LIFE IN FARAWAY PLANETS!


MMMMEEEOORRR!!!
!
SPACE MEOW, COME BACK!
WHAT'S THIS?
SORRY, SIR! GET THIS CREATURE OUT OF HERE!
PURRRR!
I THINK HE LIKES ME!
HE FITS YOU, SIR! ESPECIALLY IN SIZE!


AND, SO...
SWOOP
SWOOP
BUBBLY, WITHOUT EVEN TRYING, YOU SOLVED THE SITUATION!
THE AMBASSADOR IS SO HAPPY WITH THAT CAT THAT HE DECIDED TO STAY A LITTLE LONGER IN HIS DUTIES!
I'M GLAD TO HELP!
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
AND WE SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF HAVING TO TAKE HIM BACK TO HIS PLANET AS WELL!
YEAH, BUT WE CREATED ANOTHER!
I'M GOING TO MISS HIM SO SO MUCH! BWAAAH!
DON'T WORRY, ADMIRAL! I'LL FIX THAT IN THE NEXT CREW VACATION DAY!
AND, SO...
I WANT THAT KITTEN...
NO, THIS ONE!
CAN I KEEP BOTH OF THEM?
SON, DO SOMETHING OR HE'S GOING TO TURN THE SPACE BASE INTO A ZOO!
HA, HA!
ARF! ARF!
QUACK! QUACK!
END


AW, DOREEN! THE SONG OF BIRDS IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
BUDDY, WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT DID THE BIRD EVER DO TO YOU?
I'LL GET YOU! YOU CAN BET ON IT, I'LL GET YOU!
MONICA, I KNOW HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN A HAPPY BIRD SONG AND A SAD ONE!
THAT BIRD IS SINGING A SAD SONG BECAUSE HE'S STUCK IN A CAGE!
DOREEN in
YOUR HAPPINESS IS MUSIC TO MY EARS
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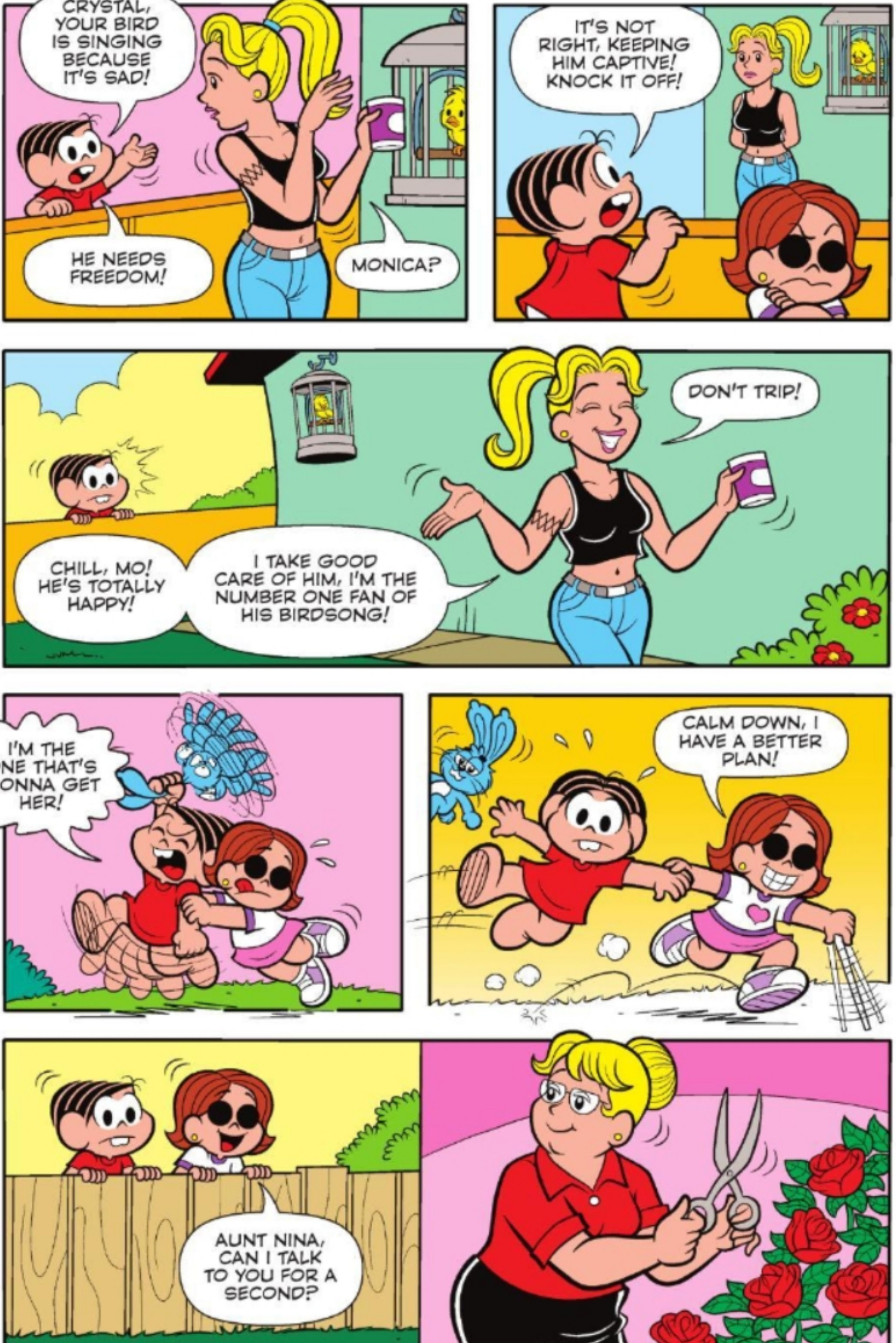
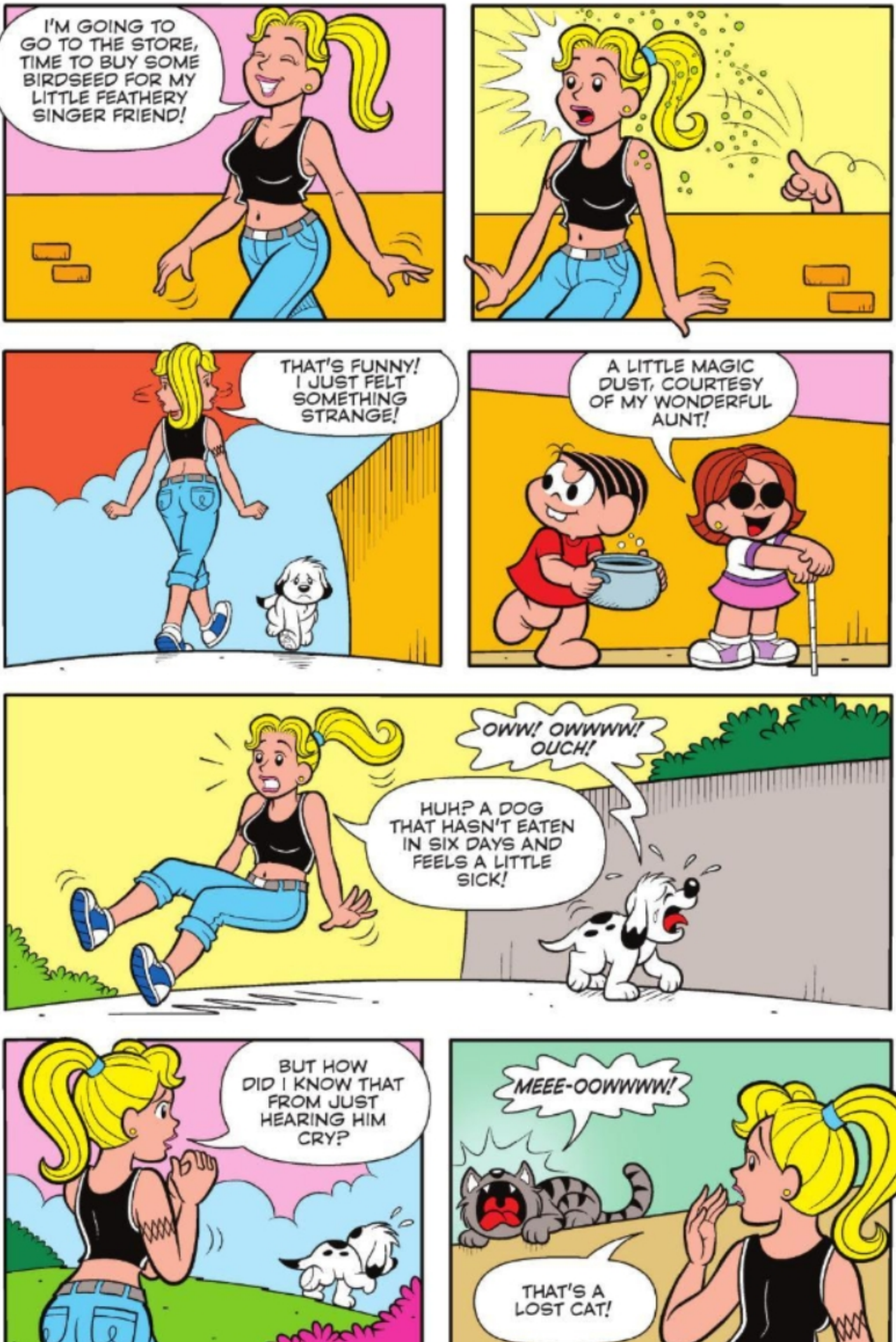
AH, WELL, I SEE EXACTLY WHO IT IS THAT DID THAT TO THE BIRD!
MY LITTLE TWEETY, ARE YOU HUNGRY ALREADY?

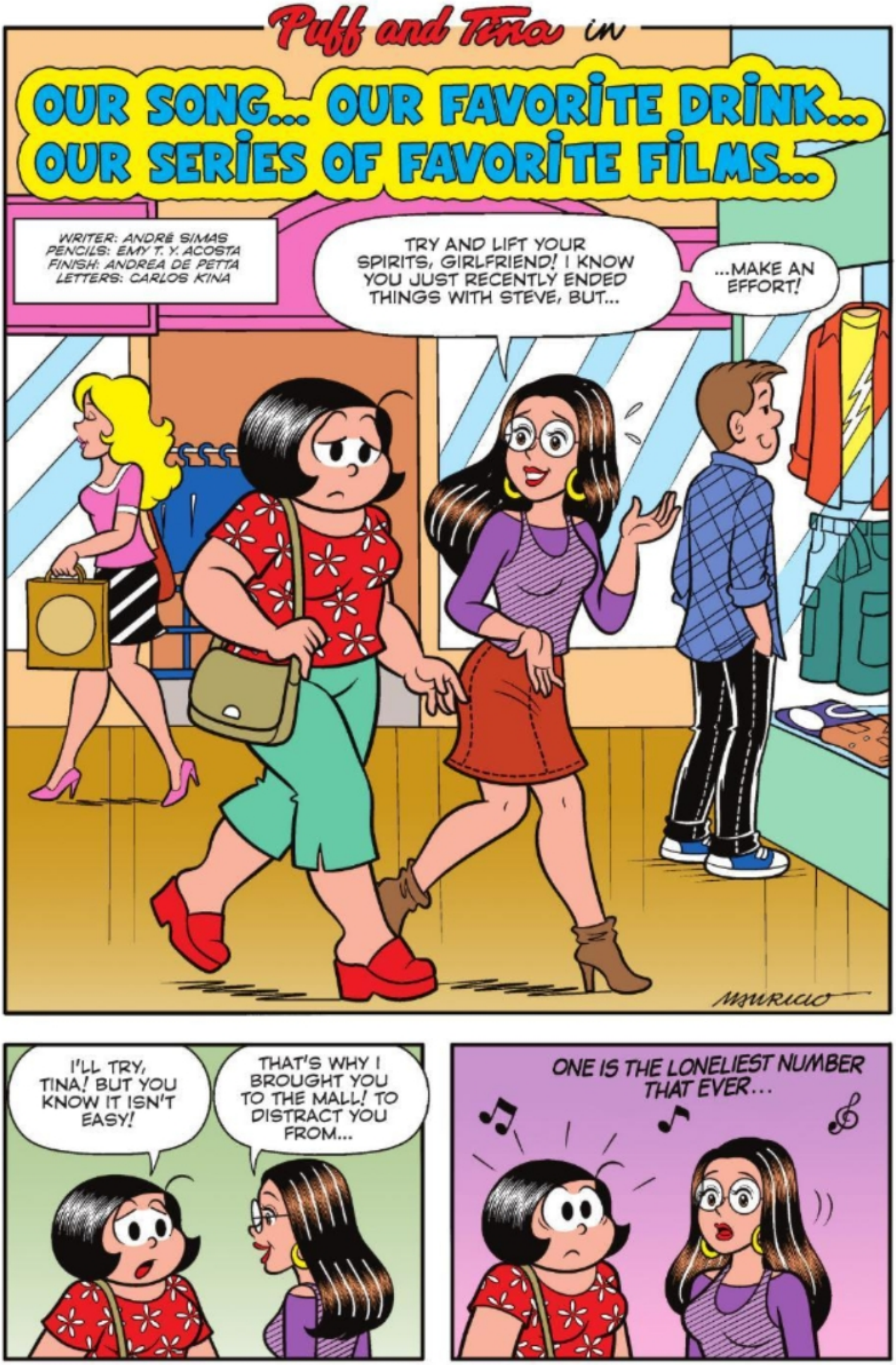

CRYSTAL, YOUR BIRD IS SINGING BECAUSE IT'S SAD!
HE NEEDS FREEDOM!
MONICA?
IT'S NOT RIGHT, KEEPING HIM CAPTIVE! KNOCK IT OFF!
DON'T TRIP!
CHILL, MO! HE'S TOTALLY HAPPY!
I TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, I'M THE NUMBER ONE FAN OF HIS BIRDSONG!
I'M THE ONE THAT'S GONNA GET HER!
CALM DOWN, I HAVE A BETTER PLAN!
AUNT NINA, CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND?


I'M GOING TO GO TO THE STORE, TIME TO BUY SOME BIRDSEED FOR MY LITTLE FEATHERY SINGER FRIEND!
THAT'S FUNNY! I JUST FELT SOMETHING STRANGE!
A LITTLE MAGIC DUST, COURTESY OF MY WONDERFUL AUNT!
OWW! OWWWW! OUCH!
HUH? A DOG THAT HASN'T EATEN IN SIX DAYS AND FEELS A LITTLE SICK!
BUT HOW DID I KNOW THAT FROM JUST HEARING HIM CRY?
MEEE-OOWWWW!
THAT'S A LOST CAT!

HE'S FREEZING AND HE'S AFRAID OF THE STREET!
ARF! ARF! ARRRF!
HE WAS HIT BY A CARELESS BICYCLIST AND NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION!
ARF! ARF! ARRRF!
WHAT IS HAPPENING? HOW DO I KNOW ALL OF THESE THINGS WHEN I HEAR THEM?
OOOWWW!
MEEOOOWW!
YEEELLLP!
I NEED TO GET BACK HOME AND GET AWAY FROM ALL THESE YELPS AND CRIES!

AH, LITTLE BIRD! FINALLY, SOME PEACE!
MONICA! I HAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU!

FREEDOM FOR THE LOVELY LITTLE BIRD!
THAT'S A HAPPY SONG!
THAT WAS SWEET OF YOU, CRYSTAL!
IT WAS JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO!
BWAAAH!
WHAT? ARE YOU HEARING ANOTHER SAD SONG?
NO! IT'S JUST THAT THE SOUNDS OF HAPPI-NESS ALSO MAKES ME EMOTIONAL!
END


Puff and Tina in
OUR SONG... OUR FAVORITE DRINK... OUR SERIES OF FAVORITE FILMS...
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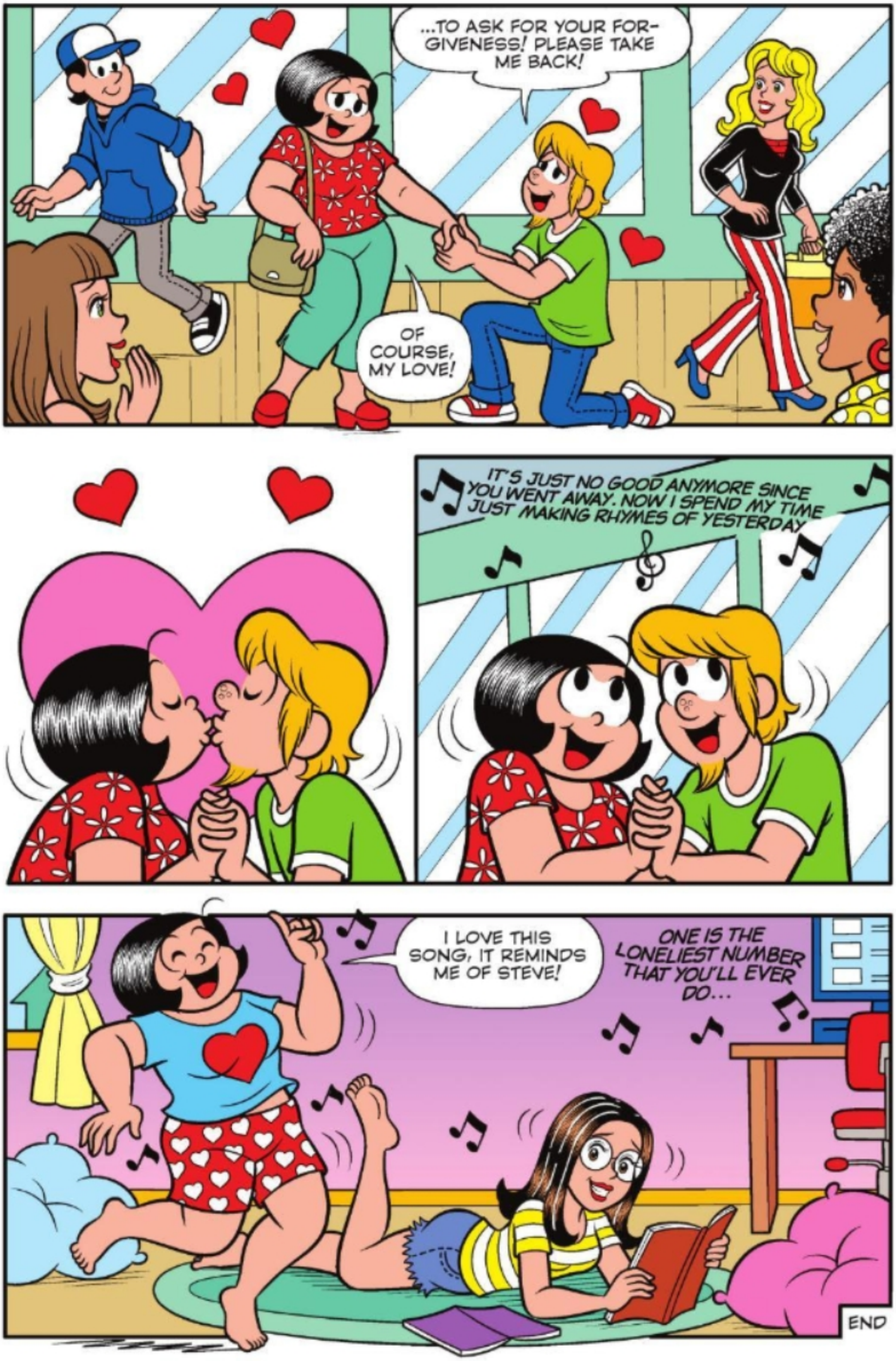
TRY AND LIFT YOUR SPIRITS, GIRLFRIEND! I KNOW YOU JUST RECENTLY ENDED THINGS WITH STEVE, BUT...
...MAKE AN EFFORT!
MAURICIO
I'LL TRY, TINA! BUT YOU KNOW IT ISN'T EASY!
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU TO THE MALL! TO DISTRACT YOU FROM...
ONE IS THE LONELIEST NUMBER THAT EVER...

BWAAAH!!! THAT'S OUR SONG! IT PLAYED THE DAY I MET STEVE!
SORRY! I COULDN'T HOLD THAT EMOTION IN!
IT'S OKAY! CALM DOWN! CALM DOWN!
SNIFF!
LET'S DRINK SOMETHING, SWEETEN LIFE UP A BIT!
WE'LL HAVE TWO DOUBLE CAPPUCCINOS WITH CHERRY CREAM!
BWAAAHHH!!! THAT WAS STEVE'S FAVORITE DRINK WHEN WE CAME HERE!
CANCEL THAT ORDER! WE'LL COME BACK SOME OTHER TIME!

TODAY
I KNOW! LET'S WATCH A MOVIE LIKE WE USED TO IN HIGH SCHOOL, REMEMBER?
TODAY
GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE VII! IT WAS OUR FAVORITE MOVIE FRANCHISE!!! BWWWAAHHH!!!
TODAY
C'MON, PUFF... I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU FORGET A BIT...
...BUT EVERYTHING REMINDS YOU OF STEVE OR OF YOUR RELATION-SHIP!
IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T FORGET HIM!
I THINK I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO!
ME TOO, PUFF! THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE...



...TO ASK FOR YOUR FOR-GIVENESS! PLEASE TAKE ME BACK!
OF COURSE, MY LOVE!
IT'S JUST NO GOOD ANYMORE SINCE YOU WENT AWAY. NOW I SPEND MY TIME JUST MAKING RHYMES OF YESTERDAY
I LOVE THIS SONG, IT REMINDS ME OF STEVE!
ONE IS THE LONELIEST NUMBER THAT YOU'LL EVER DO...
END

?
SNIFF!
SUNNY AND DENISE IN
WHY DO THEY ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT ME?
!!!
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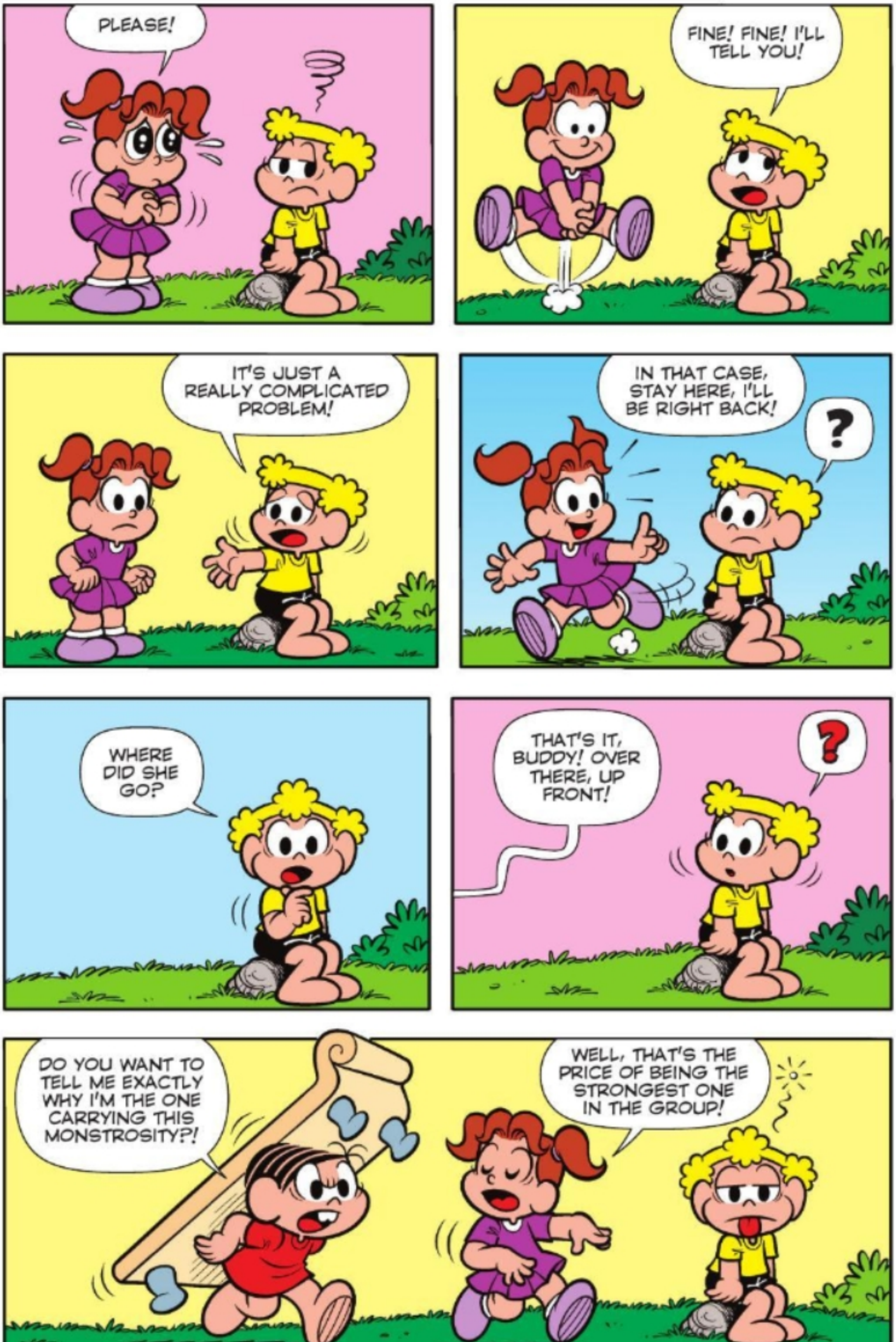
GUYS!!!
DO YOU THINK SOME JUICY GOSSIP IS GOING AROUND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT?
SNIFF!

HEY, SUP, SUNNY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? SO YOU CAN GO AROUND GOSSIPING TO THE WORLD?
NO, THANKS!
FINE! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, NO REASON FOR ME TO STICK AROUND!
HUMPH!
!
SNIFF!
OH, BOY! WHO AM I TRYING TO KID? I CAN'T HANDLE NOT KNOWING!
OH, SUNNNYYY! TELL ME WHAT'S GOT YOU SO DOWN AND OUT!
NO!
PLEASE!!! TELL ME, CHILD! THE SUSPENSE IS KILLIN' ME!


PLEASE!
FINE! FINE! I'LL TELL YOU!
IT'S JUST A REALLY COMPLICATED PROBLEM!
IN THAT CASE, STAY HERE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
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WHERE DID SHE GO?
THAT'S IT, BUDDY! OVER THERE, UP FRONT!
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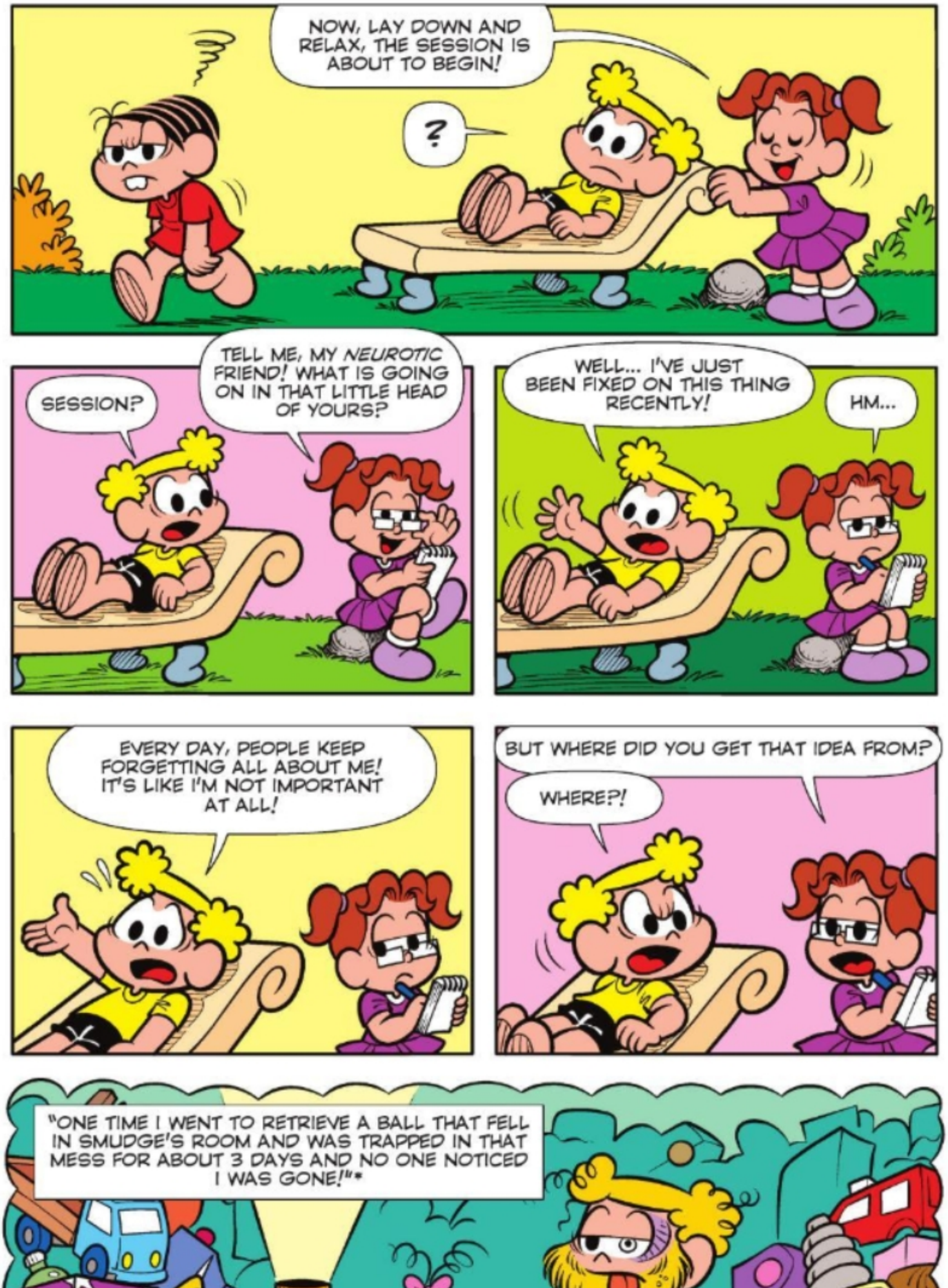
DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME EXACTLY WHY I'M THE ONE CARRYING THIS MONSTROSITY?!
WELL, THAT'S THE PRICE OF BEING THE STRONGEST ONE IN THE GROUP!


NOW, LAY DOWN AND RELAX, THE SESSION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
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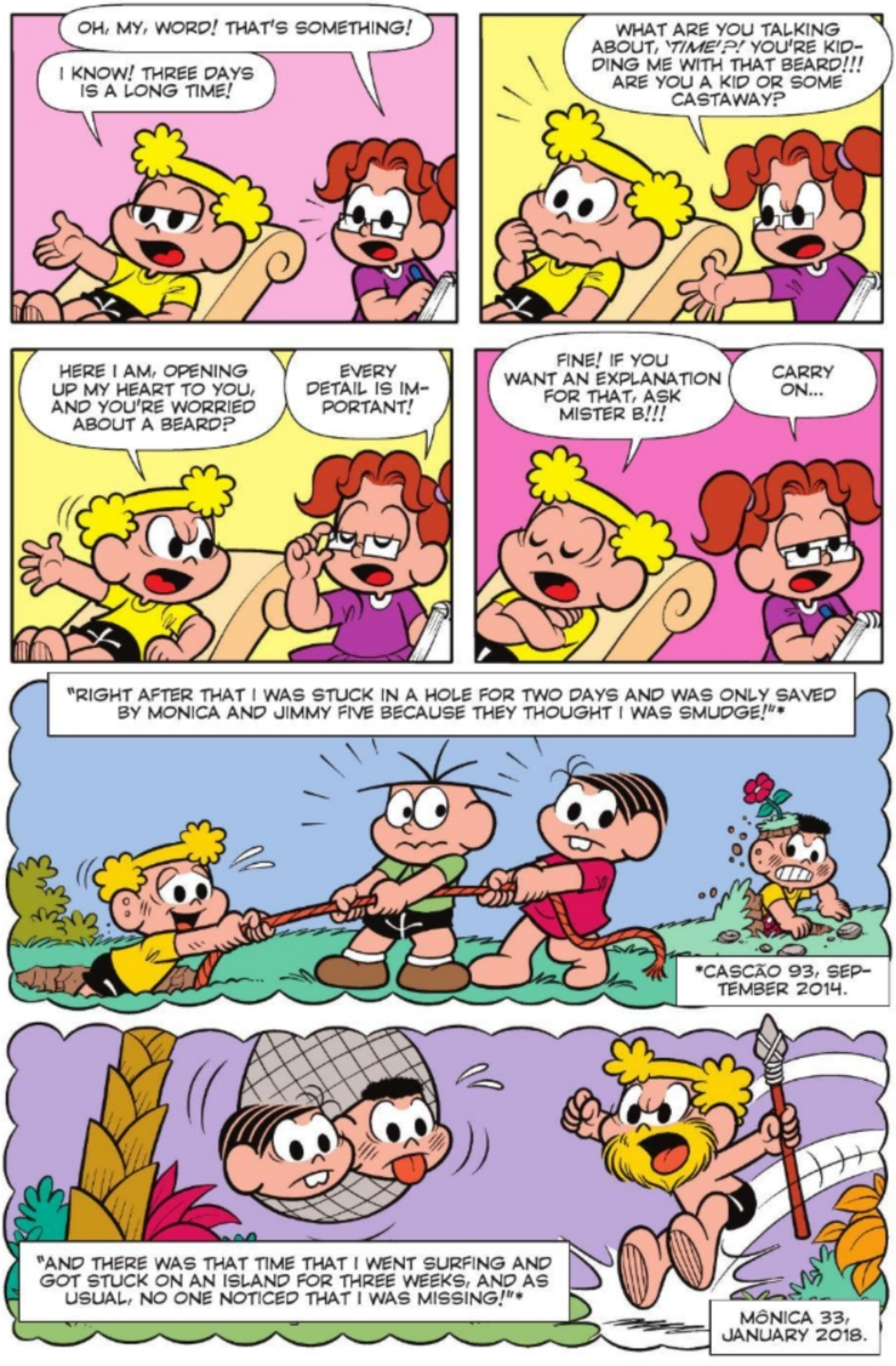
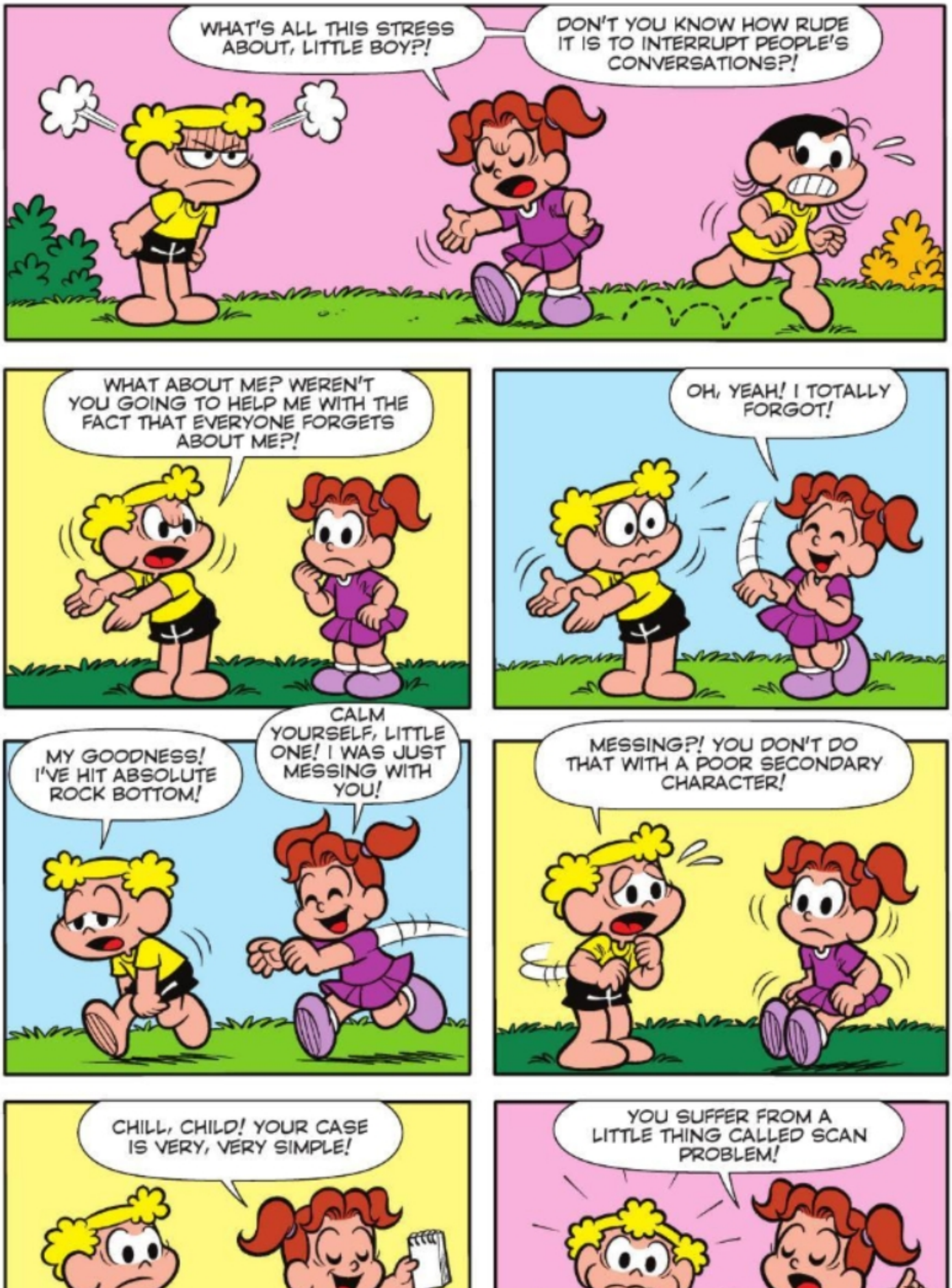
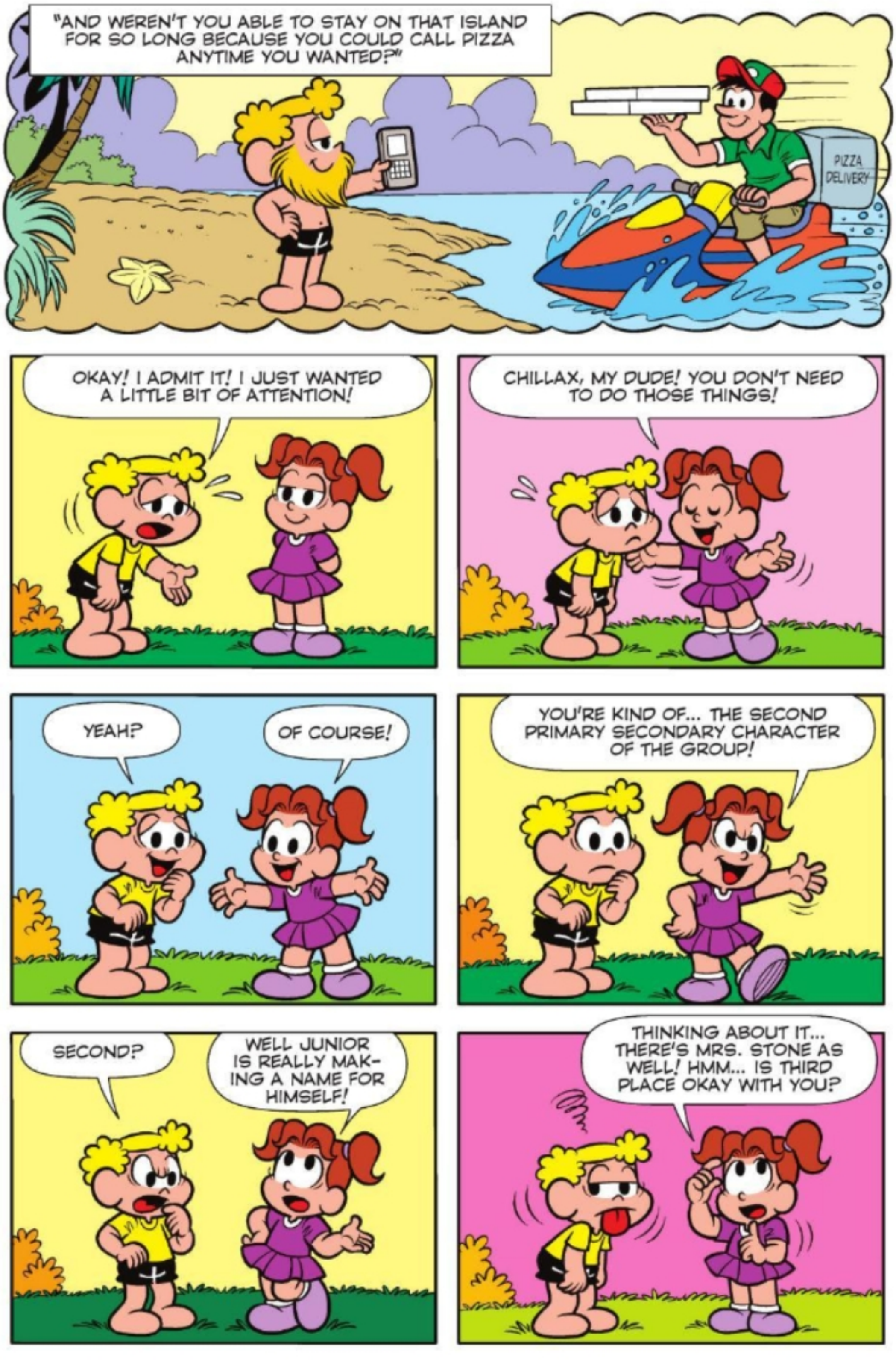
SESSION?
TELL ME, MY *NEUROTIC* FRIEND! WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT LITTLE HEAD OF YOURS?
WELL... I'VE JUST BEEN FIXED ON THIS THING RECENTLY!
HM...
EVERY DAY, PEOPLE KEEP FORGETTING ALL ABOUT ME! IT'S LIKE I'M NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL!
BUT WHERE DID YOU GET THAT IDEA FROM?
WHERE?!
"ONE TIME I WENT TO RETRIEVE A BALL THAT FELL IN SMUDGE'S ROOM AND WAS TRAPPED IN THAT MESS FOR ABOUT 3 DAYS AND NO ONE NOTICED I WAS GONE!"*
*CASCÃO 42, JUNE 2010.

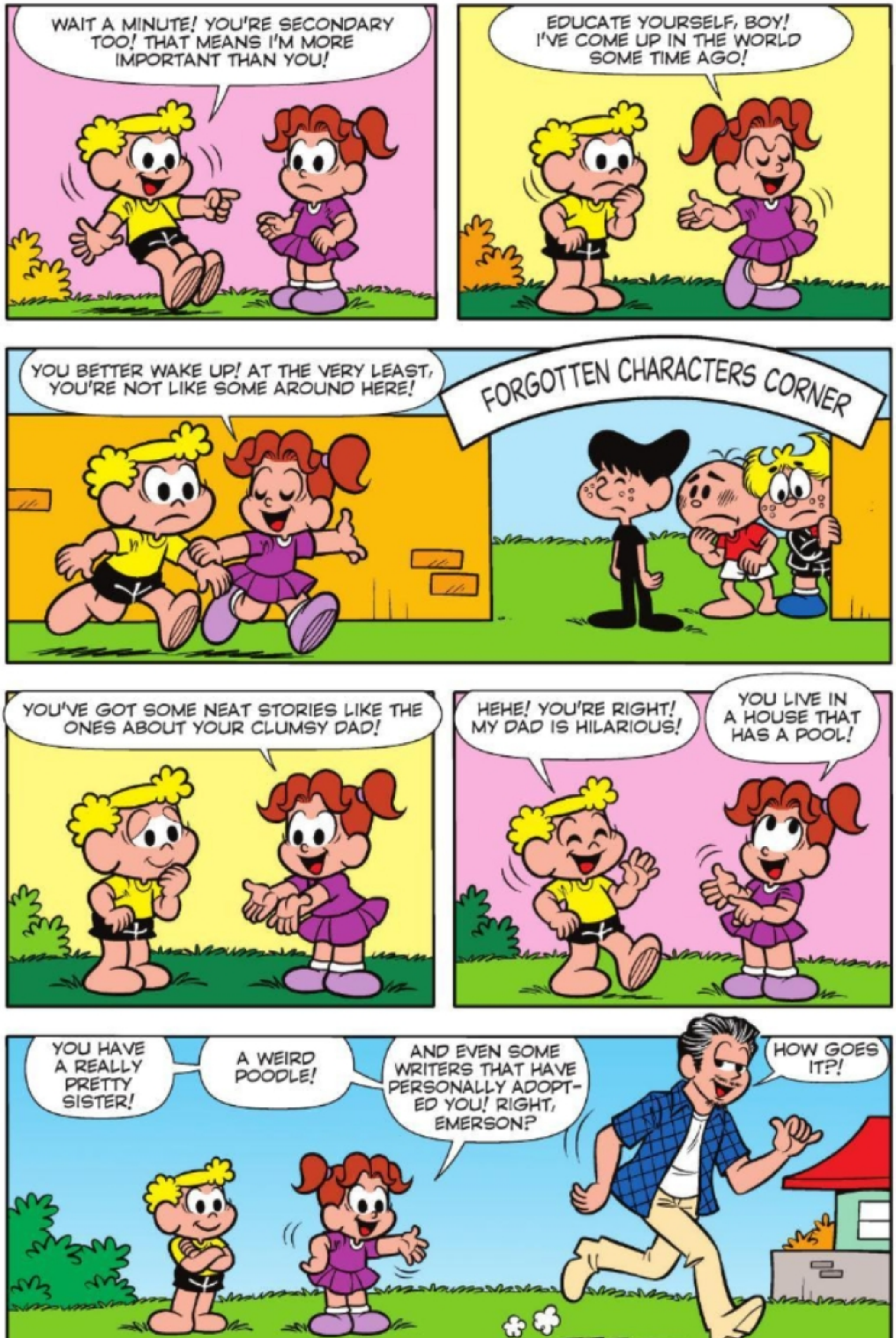

OH, MY, WORD! THAT'S SOMETHING!
I KNOW! THREE DAYS IS A LONG TIME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, 'TIME'?! YOU'RE KIDDING ME WITH THAT BEARD!!! ARE YOU A KID OR SOME CASTAWAY?
HERE I AM, OPENING UP MY HEART TO YOU, AND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT A BEARD?
EVERY DETAIL IS IMPORTANT!
FINE! IF YOU WANT AN EXPLANATION FOR THAT, ASK MISTER B!!!
CARRY ON...
"RIGHT AFTER THAT I WAS STUCK IN A HOLE FOR TWO DAYS AND WAS ONLY SAVED BY MONICA AND JIMMY FIVE BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I WAS SMUDGE!"*
*CASCÃO 93, SEPTEMBER 2014.
"AND THERE WAS THAT TIME THAT I WENT SURFING AND GOT STUCK ON AN ISLAND FOR THREE WEEKS, AND AS USUAL, NO ONE NOTICED THAT I WAS MISSING!"*
MÔNICA 33, JANUARY 2018.

NOT EVEN GOING TO MENTION THAT ONE TIME I WAS PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK AND PEOPLE ONLY REMEMBERED TO LOOK FOR ME A WEEK LATER!
SO, DENISE! YOU REALLY THINK I'M JUST MAKING THIS UP IN MY HEAD?
DENISE?
?
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH! BLUH, BLUH, BLUH!
BLAH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING?


WHAT'S ALL THIS STRESS ABOUT, LITTLE BOY?!
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW RUDE IT IS TO INTERRUPT PEOPLE'S CONVERSATIONS?!
WHAT ABOUT ME? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP ME WITH THE FACT THAT EVERYONE FORGETS ABOUT ME?!
OH, YEAH! I TOTALLY FORGOT!
MY GOODNESS! I'VE HIT ABSOLUTE ROCK BOTTOM!
CALM YOURSELF, LITTLE ONE! I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU!
MESSING?! YOU DON'T DO THAT WITH A POOR SECONDARY CHARACTER!
CHILL, CHILD! YOUR CASE IS VERY, VERY SIMPLE!
YOU SUFFER FROM A LITTLE THING CALLED SCAN PROBLEM!

WHAT'S THAT?!
IS IT SERI-OUS?
IS THERE A CURE?
"SECONDARY CHARACTER ATTENTION NEEDED"
OH, OH, WHOA IS ME! I AM A POOR LITTLE SECONDARY CHARACTER WITH NO IMPORTANCE!
NO ONE LIKES OR REMEMBERS ME! MAURICIO WON'T MAKE A MAGAZINE ABOUT ME!!!
OH, POOR ME!
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL! I'M NOT LIKE THAT!
NO? THEN LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, SHALL WE?
"WAS IT NOT YOU THAT THREW THE SOCCER BALL INTO SMUDGE'S ROOM, TRYING TO GET THE TEAM'S ATTENTION?"
"AND WAS IT NOT YOU THAT DUG THAT HOLE SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD LOOK FOR YOU?


"AND WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO STAY ON THAT ISLAND FOR SO LONG BECAUSE YOU COULD CALL PIZZA ANYTIME YOU WANTED?"
PIZZA DELIVERY
OKAY! I ADMIT IT! I JUST WANTED A LITTLE BIT OF ATTENTION!
CHILLAX, MY DUDE! YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THOSE THINGS!
YEAH?
OF COURSE!
YOU'RE KIND OF... THE SECOND PRIMARY SECONDARY CHARACTER OF THE GROUP!
SECOND?
WELL JUNIOR IS REALLY MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF!
THINKING ABOUT IT... THERE'S MRS. STONE AS WELL! HMM... IS THIRD PLACE OKAY WITH YOU?


WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE SECONDARY TOO! THAT MEANS I'M MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU!
EDUCATE YOURSELF, BOY! I'VE COME UP IN THE WORLD SOME TIME AGO!
YOU BETTER WAKE UP! AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU'RE NOT LIKE SOME AROUND HERE!
FORGOTTEN CHARACTERS CORNER
YOU'VE GOT SOME NEAT STORIES LIKE THE ONES ABOUT YOUR CLUMSY DAD!
HEHE! YOU'RE RIGHT! MY DAD IS HILARIOUS!
YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE THAT HAS A POOL!
YOU HAVE A REALLY PRETTY SISTER!
A WEIRD POODLE!
AND EVEN SOME WRITERS THAT HAVE PERSONALLY ADOPT-ED YOU! RIGHT, EMERSON?
HOW GOES IT?!

I NEVER SAW THINGS IN SUCH A WAY!
YOU KNOW WHAT? FROM NOW ON, I AM A NEW CHARACTER... RESOLVED AND INDEPENDENT!
I WON'T MIND IF PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE ME RIGHT...
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!
BLAH!
RATS! SERIOUSLY, NO ONE PAYS AT-TENTION TO ME?
TODAY MISTER B IS GOING TO REVEAL THE ILLUSION BEHIND THE BEARDED BOY!
PUF
AH, LEAVE ME ALONE!
?
END

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